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▶ Mayor Rob Ford speaks to the media at his first official press conference on the job. He gets sworn in Tuesday.

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The first cut goes deep

- Ford calls off Transit City light-rail project
- TTC head says staff assigned to Transit City will now start working out estimates for new subway

Rob Ford used his first day as mayor to deal a death blow to Toronto's $8.15-billion provincially funded Transit City light-rail expansion.

The new mayor, who criticized his predecessor David Miller for being too focused on public transit, said he wants to consider motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, as well as transit riders.

He nevertheless began his term by summoning the TTC's top executive to city hall to order a new transit plan, one that includes only underground rail lines, including at least one subway in time for the 2015 Pan Am Games.

"I just wanted to make it quite clear that he understood that Transit City's over and the war on the car is over and all new subway expansion is going underground," Ford said.

The first order of business for the new transit board, likely to be headed by Coun. Karen Stintz, will be to turn off the tap on all funding for Transit City, he said.

Light rail typically costs about $75 million to $100 million per kilometre to build versus about $300 million for subway, said TTC chief general manager Gary Webster. But that difference is substantially less if you put the LRT underground, as is planned for the middle of the Eglinton Crosstown line.

"Ladies and gentlemen, the war on the car stops today ... Transit City is over."
MAYOR ROB FORD

In terms of timelines, "He wants us to work backwards from the Pan Am Games," said Webster, who admitted he doesn't know how the TTC will do that.

Ford was noncommittal when asked who will be responsible for the $130 million already spent on Transit City as well as the penalties on more than $1.3 billion worth of signed contracts

"I'm going to deal with the province with respect to that and take it from there," Ford said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Will deal be game changer? Fans want to know

Reports that Blue Jays owner Rogers Communications also wants control of the Maple Leafs, Raptors and other sports teams have fans asking one question: Will my team start winning now?

While analysts discussed costs, communications and cross-promotions from the $1.3-billion Rogers proposal, fans of Toronto's much loved — and hated — hockey team and the floundering Raptors talked competition.

- "MLSE is one of the final pieces in the upper management category that needs to be taken out," one person wrote on a Leafs discussion board. "Rogers seems to have the interest in winning. I think that they will be able to provide a large amount of money to make this team a success."
- "Rogers has a history of trying to win with the Blue Jays to a point," wrote a commenter on a Raptors discussion board. "Perhaps as part of such a coup, part of the strategy will be simple, make a bang, win all 4 championships ASAP."
- In addition to hopes of seeing winning teams, fans and other consumers should expect to have new viewing experiences if the deal happens, such as interactive content on cellphones, said Iain Grant, a telecom analyst with the SeaBoard Group.

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▶ Pedestrians walk past the Air Canada Centre yesterday.

Rogers in the neutral zone

Cable giant won't confirm talks to control MLSE ◗ Sale would include sports teams, Leafs TV, Raptors TV, but not real estate holdings, reports say

As rumours fly that Rogers Communications is going after majority ownership of the legendary Toronto Maple Leafs and a parcel of other major-league sports franchises, the telecommunications giant will only say, for now, that nothing has changed between it and the current owners.

Reports have suggested the owner of the Toronto Blue Jays is in high-level talks to acquire control of MLSE in a $1.3-billion deal that would create a massive sports monopoly. MLSE also owns the Marlies, the Raptors and Toronto FC soccer team.

The reputed seller is the Ontario Teachers Pension Plan Board.

Besides owning Canada's largest wireless phone business and one of the country's biggest cable companies, Rogers also has media properties including the Sportsnet specialty cable channels and the Rogers Centre stadium where the Blue Jays play their home games.

Dvai Ghose, an analyst at Canaccord Genuity who covers the telecom industry, said Rogers could easily finance such a purchase, since it generates nearly $2 billion in cash annually from its business and had $344 million of cash at the end of September — as well as up to $2.2 billion of available credit.

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Who owns it?

- **The Ontario Teachers Pension Plan Board** owns about 66 per cent of MLSE.
- **Kilmer Sports,** which is controlled by Toronto businessman Larry Tanenbaum, holds about 20.5 per cent of the company.
- **TD Capital** holds the remaining 13.5 per cent of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment.

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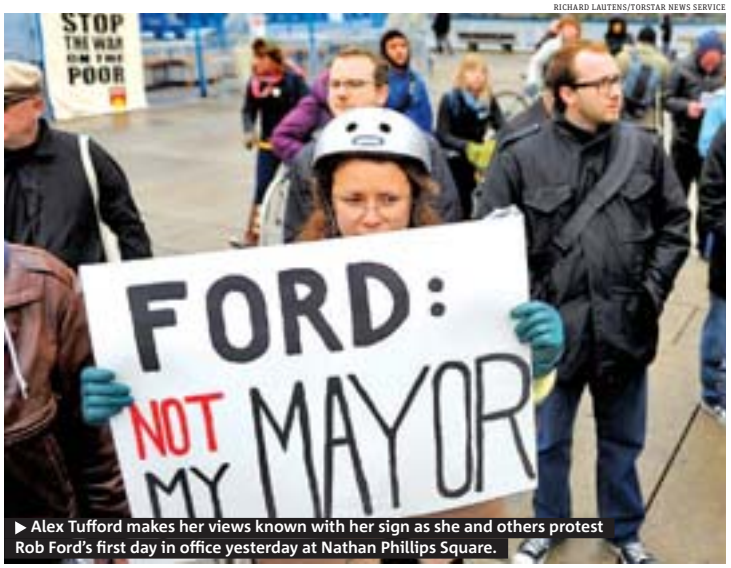

▶ Alex Tufford makes her views known with her sign as she and others protest Rob Ford's first day in office yesterday at Nathan Phillips Square.

With Rob Ford, freezing property taxes is job one

First day surprise promise from mayor ◐ Opposition councillors quick to credit Miller for budget surplus

In a sign of busy days to come, Mayor Rob Ford mentioned almost an aside at his first news conference that he will freeze Torontonians' property taxes in 2011.

The surprise promise, following seven straight years of hikes under his predecessor David Miller, came at a news conference in Ford's new office dominated by his plan to kill the Transit City light rail project.

"I've asked staff to come back with a zero-based budget," Ford told a side room packed with media, politicians and aides. "Property taxes will not go up this year."

Ford had campaigned on a platform that included an inflation-based tax increase of about 1.8 per cent, while making deep cuts to city spending.

His main rival, George Smitherman, had promised a freeze, something Ford dubbed "impossible" during the campaign.

Ford didn't explain yesterday where he would find the cash to hold the line on taxes while not cutting municipal services.

After the amalgamated city was formed in 1998, Mayor Mel Lastman delivered a three-year tax freeze. Even some right-wing members of council have said that left Toronto in a financial hole.

Property taxes have since jumped by three to five per cent a year.

"Toronto taxpayers expect the wasteful spending and the annual tax increases to come to an end," Ford said. "There'll be no major service cuts next year. We're going to keep the budget exact same as this year."

Opposition councillors credit Ford's financial flexibility to a 2010 operating budget surplus of roughly $275 million left behind by Miller, much of it produced by deferring new hires.

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Gravy on it

- Outgoing mayor David Miller and his staff apparently left packets of gravy behind in the office for Mayor Rob Ford, a parting shot at his "stop the gravy train" mantra.

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Report on supposed G20 5-metre law due next week

A report by Ontario's ombudsman on a secret law that sparked confusion about police powers during Toronto's G20 summit will be released next week.

Andre Marin's 90-day probe looked at why the province passed the secret law.

In July, Marin said even he was fooled, and his office received dozens of complaints.

His report, to be released next Tuesday, will look at whether it was necessary for the province to pass such regulations and how the government communicated with the public.

He will also examine how police interpreted the law and reacted to those who were demonstrating.

About 1,000 people were arrested on the weekend of the G20 summit after a group of black-clad rioters broke off from a peaceful protest and rampaged through Toronto's core, smashing windows and setting police cruisers on fire.

Many of those arrested were released without charges, while dozens of others saw their charges later dropped in court.

Toronto's police services board, the civilian oversight body for the police, will conduct an independent review of police actions during the G20.

The Ontario government also brought in former Ontario chief justice Roy McMurtry to conduct his own review.

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▶ Ontario Ombudsman Andre Marin

Misleading

- Many thought the law, announced just before June's G20 summit, gave police power to arrest people who came within five metres of a security fence at the summit site if they didn't show identification.
- The law actually stated that officers could only search people trying to enter the secure perimeter — but neither police nor politicians set the record straight until after the summit was over.

Acquittal in hotel assault case

The husband of a teacher has been acquitted of fondling a 15-year-old student on an overnight stay at the Royal York Hotel five years ago.

Robert Welsh, 42, hugged his family and supporters after Justice Cathy Mocha acquitted him of one count of sexual assault yesterday. It was his second trial for the same charge. He was convicted the first time, but that was overturned on appeal. Mocha said yesterday that she did not believe much of his testimony. But the evidence of the former student, now 20, was inconsistent, partly due to the passage of time, and this has left the judge with a small, but reasonable doubt. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Charges in decades-old sex assaults

Toronto police have charged a Newfoundland and Labrador man in two decades-old sexual assault cases.

Police allege that between 1969 and 1971, a six-year-old girl was sexually assaulted by a babysitter. And police say a six-year-old boy was sexually assaulted by a babysitter in 1988.

Thomas Duval, 70, of Deer Lake, N.L., is charged with indecent assault against a female and sexual assault.

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Regulator seeking feedback

The Ontario Securities Commission is asking for investor feedback on regulation of different sectors.

It is looking for input on topics like disclosure for mutual funds, enforcement, standards for financial service professionals and regulation of credit rating agencies. The call for feedback comes ahead of the possible implementation of a national securities regulator.

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Students. Music

▶ Chris Bunting, 13, plays his tuba yesterday in Nathan Phillips Square. Students from across the city performed holiday standards on tubas and euphoniums, joined by choirs, to raise awareness of the need for music education in schools.

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Tooting their own horn

Find out about music events planned in your community over the holidays and throughout the year at the Coalition for Music Education's website, musicmakesus.ca.

'I CAN'T IMAGINE MY LIFE WITHOUT HELPING PEOPLE'

The winner of this year's Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy award can't talk long when a reporter calls — she has $5 bracelets made from recycled jewellery to sell at an event to raise money for the Philip Aziz Centre, a non-profit hospice program in Toronto for people with life-limiting illnesses.

She's only 16, but Brooke Harrison, founder of the youth advisory council for the centre, has the sort of dazzling background that makes her a natural for the award, given by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Greater Toronto Chapter.

"I can't imagine my life without helping people," says Harrison. The council has raised more than $79,000 through golf tournaments and fundraising drives.

The Aurora teen is the youngest of seven individuals and groups being honoured today at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

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Will PM do the Fantino shuffle?

Arrival of former OPP commissioner in the Conservative caucus starts the watch on Parliament Hill for a shakeup in Harper's cabinet

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper welcomes newly elected MP Julian Fantino to the Conservative caucus on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday.

For the cameras, it was all warm handshakes and team cheers for Conservative-MP elect Julian Fantino at his inaugural federal caucus meeting.

But in the corridors, the former Ontario top cop's arrival was met with furious speculation about how quickly he would be put into cabinet and who might have to step aside or be prodded into stepping down early to make room for the new star.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper ordered the usually locked doors to the Conservative caucus room thrown open Tuesday for a euphoric public greeting of Fantino and fellow Hill newbie Robert Sopuck of Manitoba at the beginning of the weekly meeting.

Both the Conservatives and the Liberals have been trying to put the best spin on their respective byelection wins. The Tories took two ridings, including the long-time Liberal stronghold of Vaughan just north of Toronto. The Liberals lost Vaughan, but unexpectedly wrested the Winnipeg North riding from the NDP.

Harper lauded Fantino's 40 years in policing, leading up to his last job as commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police.

"He managed to overcome two, two decades long of Liberal hold on the riding and will be an important part of our Conservative team's efforts to make sure we get these crime bills through Parliament..." Harper said.

Conservatives who spoke on condition of anonymity say they have little doubt that law-and-order standard bearer Fantino will turn up in cabinet.

They point to a January shuffle, Harper's preferred month for rearranging the frontbench seating plan. The House of Commons will be on its month-long hiatus in January and ministers in new portfolios will have the time to get acquainted with their new files and responsibilities.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney, one of the top players in cabinet, declined to speculate publicly on Fantino's future.

"That'll be up to prime minister obviously, but you did see that we welcomed Mr. Fantino and he had a historic breakthrough for the party in a riding that is one of the core Liberal constituencies in the country," said Kenney.

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Departures?

The future of a number of cabinet ministers has suddenly become more of a pressing issue with Fantino's arrival.

- Former House leader Jay Hill and Environment Minister Jim Prentice decided in the last few months to leave politics.
- Several ministers who have been in the Harper cabinet since the Conservatives first came to power five years ago are thought to be weighing whether to run again in the next election, including International Development Minister Bev Oda, Transport Minister Chuck Strahl and Public Safety Minister Vic Toews.

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Impound powers expanded

As of yesterday, motorists in Ontario can lose their wheels for a longer list of offences.

Police can now impound the vehicles of motorists found driving with a suspended licence, having a blood-alcohol level over .08, refusing to provide a breath sample or not having a required ignition lock device.

The rules, which allow vehicles to be impounded for seven days, also apply to drivers whose licences have been suspended for not making family support payments.

The changes were included in amendments to the Ontario Road Safety Act passed in 2009.

Motorists in Ontario can already lose their vehicles and licences for seven days if they are charged under the province's stunt driving law. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police issue robbery warning

Toronto police are warning that two young men are suspected in robberies in the city's west end.

Police say the robberies have been occurring since late September in the area of Humber College Boulevard and Highway 27.

Suspects are described as black, 17 to 20 and possibly armed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Haliburton buys radio stations

Haliburton Broadcasting Group Inc. has bought two pop music radio stations in Niagara Falls, Ont.

The Toronto-based company announced yesterday it had purchased CFLZ-FM and CKEY-FM.

CFLZ is currently operating as 105.1 The River, and CKEY is known as Z101. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Santa boards plane, grants kids' wishes

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▶ Children participating in the Children's Wish Foundation's mission to find Santa Claus celebrate the holidays before boarding a flight to the North Pole.

Sick children aboard northbound flight get rare audience with jolly elf

This is it. The culmination of hours of anticipation for dozens of sick children and their siblings on board an airplane in search of Santa Claus.

Because of the Children's Wish Foundation, they and their siblings are 30,000 feet in the sky, where they have successfully intercepted the jolly man in red.

The plane dips; stomachs lurch. Santa has landed his sled on top of the aircraft.

"Someone is knocking on the emergency hatch," the pilot announces over the intercom.

Screams of joy fill the cabin when the children get their first glimpses of a red suit.

Kathryn Stewart stands and peeks over the chair in front of her.

Seven years old, she is wearing a red and green dress. A small gold cross hangs around her neck. A black bandana covers her smooth, hairless head. Kathryn's cancer recently returned after a remission.

She seems irritated, maybe even a bit bored as she runs up and down the airplane's aisle. But then Santa reaches at her side and her mood changes fast.

He asks her what she wants for Christmas. Her mother, Heather Stewart, wipes tears from her eyes.

Kathryn asks for a beanbag chair in a quiet voice. A pink one, she says.

"That's Mrs. Claus' favourite colour, too," Santa says with a laugh.

He asks if there is anything special she wants for the rest of her family.

She shakes her head. Santa chuckles again. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Now fame for Gordie is a walk in the park

Hockey legend Howe has star repaired on downtown pavement
An honour shared with showbiz personalities Shatner and Mandel

Legendary Detroit Red Wings player Gordie Howe, actor William Shatner and game show host Howie Mandel have new stars on Canada's Walk of Fame.

Cracked and chipped stars belonging to Howe, known as Mr. Hockey, and Shatner, famous for playing Captain Kirk in the popular Star Trek series, were replaced on the walk outside Roy Thomson Hall yesterday morning.

Mandel, host of TV's Deal Or No Deal, was inducted in 2009 but his stone wasn't put in until yesterday.

Since Shatner and Howe couldn't make it to Toronto for a reinstallation ceremony, their new red granite plaques were set into the sidewalk by three city workers without a lot of fanfare.

Howe's son Marty wrote in an email that it's great the damaged star has been replaced.

"I think it's important for our Canadian history to replace the stones if they've been broken or chipped."
SYLVIE BADIE, 46, A REAL ESTATE CLERK

News of the damaged stars prompted hundreds of people to contact Walk of Fame and city officials, demanding they be replaced. Some even offered to foot the bill, said Walk president Peter Soumalias.

Soumalias said he hopes Shatner and Howe can return to Toronto in the spring to celebrate their new plaques, which were ordered in September.

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▶ Looking down at legendary right-winger Gordie Howe's newly-fixed star on Canada's Walk of Fame in Toronto yesterday.

Trio are charged in abduction, 3 hunted

Two men and a woman are under arrest and facing charges in a Nov. 23 abduction.

Peel police said a man and a woman were taken to Hamilton and held until they were released the next day without having suffered any serious injuries.

The woman was released at Cawthra Road and Eastgate Parkway in Mississauga, police said.

The man was freed at Hurontario Street and County Court Boulevard in Brampton.

Police are hunting for three additional suspects, described as armed and dangerous.

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Kin grieve for victims of a 'silent killer'

The carbon monoxide poisoning deaths of a provincial police officer and her family should be all that's needed to convince Ontario politicians to make CO detectors mandatory in all homes, a relative said yesterday.

Const. Laurie Hawkins, her husband and their two children all died in 2008 at their Woodstock home.

It did not have a detector, said the woman's uncle, John Gignac.

"I will not let my four family members be forgotten, Gignac said."

Tory Ernie Hardeman has a private member's bill that would make detectors mandatory in homes, and apartments.

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News in brief

Heat turned up on founder

SWEDEN. WikiLeaks was on the defensive on several fronts yesterday, scrambling to remain on the Internet and post more U.S. diplomatic documents while its fugitive founder Julian Assange was targeted by a European arrest warrant on Swedish rape charges. Amazon.com prevented WikiLeaks from using the U.S. company's computers yesterday, WikiLeaks said. The site was unavailable for several hours before it moved back to servers owned by its previous Swedish host.

At the same time, Swedish officials intensified legal pressure on Assange, left, by asking European police to arrest him on rape allegations that have shadowed him for weeks.

Leaks: Sarkozy 'hyperactive'

FRANCE. Leaked diplomatic memos from the U.S. ambassador in Paris cast French President Nicolas Sarkozy as "hyperactive" and impulsive, an authoritarian leader surrounded by aides who don't dare challenge him.

The once-secret memos, published online Tuesday by WikiLeaks, offer a candid look at how the U.S. views the leadership skills of the man whose country currently heads the G20, and will also run the G8 industrialized powers starting in January. The cables describe France under Sarkozy as "unabashedly pro-American" and describe him as a crucial partner willing to break with tradition and innovate.

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Canadian 'inferiority complex' noted by U.S. State Department

- Latest WikiLeaks detail American concern over certain CBC programs
- Bush was encouraged to show U.S. values Canada 'no strings attached'

WIKI LEAKS

A newly released diplomatic note says Canada protested to the United States about being cut out of the intelligence loop as "punishment" for not joining the war in Iraq.

The classified November 2004 cable from the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa warned Washington the "potential irritant" might come up during a Canadian visit by then-president George W. Bush.

It is just one issue cited by American diplomats who flagged Canada's "habitual inferiority complex" for the State Department — a recurring theme in several cables posted yesterday on the website of online whistleblower WikiLeaks.

They characterized CBC programs Little Mosque On The Prairie and since-cancelled The Border as "anti-American melodrama;" encouraged Bush to stress that the U.S. values Canada with no strings attached; and predicted Barack Obama's prompt visit to Ottawa last year would help dispel the notion Washington pays "far less attention to Canada than Canada does to us."

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wikileaks
Canadian Harper advisor calls for the assassination of Julian Assange
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bqtlafdoH_g

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▶ WikiLeaks' Twitter page is shown yesterday.

Anti-American?

- A January 2008 analysis of CBC television says a fictional portrayal of CIA rendition flights and a scheme to steal Canada's water is programming that "hardly constitutes a public diplomacy crisis" but emblematic of the "insidious negative popular stereotyping we are increasingly up against in Canada."
- The cable points out how the CBC shows, "financed by Canadian tax dollars, twist current events to feed long-standing negative images of the U.S."

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Outpouring of love for Pat Burns

Hockey world appalled by theft rallies around late icon's family

The world of hockey is showering heartwarming kindness on Pat Burns' family after a despicable theft following his funeral.

About 30 autographed jerseys from NHL teams as well as numerous personal items were stolen from the late coach's car.

The sweaters were destined for a charity auction to raise money for the Pat Burns Arena now being built in Stanstead, Que.

Yesterday fans, players and managers rallied around. The Montreal Canadiens said they are prepared to help.

Sports collectibles dealers vowed to alert police to anyone trying to hawk the stolen merchandise.

And people are calling police to offer information.

Canadiens spokesperson Donald Beauchamp said the Habs will do all they can to help raise funds for the new arena.

The Burns family knows that "they can count on us," Beauchamp said.

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Beloved coach

- **The man:** Pat Burns, a gruff ex-cop who was known as a tough but fair man, died Nov. 19 after a long battle with cancer.
- **The teams:** Burns was an award-winning coach who served behind the bench for the Canadiens, Maple Leafs, Boston Bruins and New Jersey Devils.

New York. A new look at Da Vinci

▶Visitors enjoy a multimedia preview in New York yesterday. The show opens tomorrow.

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A treasure ...updated

A new multimedia installation in New York City will offer new ways to see and interpret Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper. The show reproduces the 15th-century painting with a 40-minute sound-and-light show. The "clone" painting is set within a full-scale replica of the dining hall at the convent in Milan that houses the original work.

Ex-coach asks for bail in new sex case

Former junior hockey coach Graham James has applied for bail while he awaits trial on new sex charges in Winnipeg.

The case has been adjourned until tomorrow.

James pleaded guilty in 1997 to hundreds of assaults on two teenage players, including NHLer Sheldon Kennedy, and was sentenced to three and a half years in prison.

He was pardoned a decade later and moved to Mexico, but returned to Canada and turned himself in after police issued an arrest warrant.

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The James file

- **The new charges:** James, 58, is facing nine charges stemming from alleged encounters with three boys between 1979 and 1994.
- **The accuser:** One of the complainants is former NHL star Theo Fleury.

U.N. seeks $530M for Somalia

20 Somalia hasn't had a fully functioning government in nearly 20 years after warlords overthrew the president.

The United Nations is seeking $530 million for aid projects in Somalia next year.

The country's 20 years of strife is a catastrophe that's "as urgent as ever," the agency said yesterday.

The U.N. said that despite fragile improvement in 2010 because of two good rainy seasons, Somalia still has two million people in crisis, including nearly 1.5 million displaced people.

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Three nations will throw book at North Korea

U.S., Japan, South Korea will meet to plot a joint strategy ◐ 'Cease provocations,' says Washington

The United States, Japan and South Korea will hold high-level talks next week to plot a joint strategy on dealing with North Korea.

The move follows North Korea's deadly artillery bombardment of the South.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will meet the foreign ministers of Japan and South Korea in Washington Monday "to discuss the recent developments on the Korean Peninsula and their impact on regional security," the U.S. State Department said.

The three nations are grappling over how to approach the reclusive North after last week's shelling sent tensions soaring.

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▶ Hillary Rodham Clinton

They have balked at a Chinese proposal for an emergency meeting with North Korea of six-nation nuclear disarmament talks.

They say North Korea must first halt all provocative actions toward its neighbours.

"Right now, it's up to (North) Korea to show demonstrably that it is willing to engage, to be a constructive player in the region," said U.S. State Department spokesperson P.J. Crowley.

"Talks are no substitute for having North Korea fulfil its international obligations, meet its commitments and cease provocations."

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A familiar story: Study shows the rich get richer

Share of total Canadian incomes more than doubled for the wealthiest 1% between late 1970s and 2007

Canada has entered a 1920s-like Gilded Age, where the super-rich consolidate their wealth while the middle class stagnates.

That's the conclusion of a new study based on income tax forms filed up until 2007, showing that the richest one per cent of Canadians took home 13.8 per cent of all incomes claimed that year.

The share of total income going to the richest of the rich has risen steadily since the early 1980s, reversing a long-term trend toward a more equal distribution of the country's income during the post-war era, the study says.

"During periods of growth, incomes have increasingly become concentrated in the hands of the elite few rather than creating greater prosperity for all."
ARMINE YALNIZYAN, SENIOR ECONOMIST

"The higher up the ladder you go, the more colossal this glomming of wealth becomes," author Armine Yalnizyan, senior economist at the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, said in an interview.

Her paper is based on unpublished tax form data crunched by Mike Veall, an economics professor at McMaster University.

"Like the Gilded Age a century ago, Canada is awash in money generated by an emerging new global economy," Yalnizyan writes.

The inequality gap of the 1920s and early '30s eventually collapsed and then switched direction with the Second World War, narrowing and steadily declining until about 1982. Since then, the super-rich have gradually claimed larger and larger pieces of the total income pie. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ignatieff says Grits will kill bill

Despite imposing stiff penalties on human smuggling, legislation was condemned by opposition members and refugee advocacy groups

The Harper government's controversial legislation to combat human smuggling appears doomed.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff announced yesterday that his party won't support the bill at second reading, saying it would hurt legitimate refugees.

The NDP and Bloc Québécois said they're of the same mind. Without the support of any of the opposition parties, the minority Conservative government will not be able to get the bill over its first legislative hurdle — winning approval in principle. The bill would allow the federal government to treat "irregular" refugee claimants who arrive in groups differently from other claimants. They could be detained for up to a year, barred from sponsoring their families or applying for permanent residence for five years, and have their benefits restricted. The bill would also impose stiffer penalties on human smugglers and on anyone with knowledge of, or even suspicion of, human smuggling.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said "there's a lot of fear-mongering and alarmism about aspects of the bill." He called it a "strong but balanced effort to crack down on human smuggling and queue-jumping."

Kenney said the three opposition parties are thumbing their noses at Canadians, who are "overwhelmingly" fed up with criminal smuggling operations treating Canada "like a doormat." He urged them to at least let the bill go to committee, where opposition MPs could propose amendments.

But Ignatieff said there's no point. "We just don't think this is salvageable and we take this decision with regret," he said.

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Chow

NDP immigration critic Olivia Chow said her party supports cracking down on human smugglers.

- As proof, she pointed to an amendment she has spearheaded to another immigration bill, extending the period in which the government can go after human smugglers to 10 years from six months. But she said the NDP can't support C-49, which is "really the attack refugees bill."

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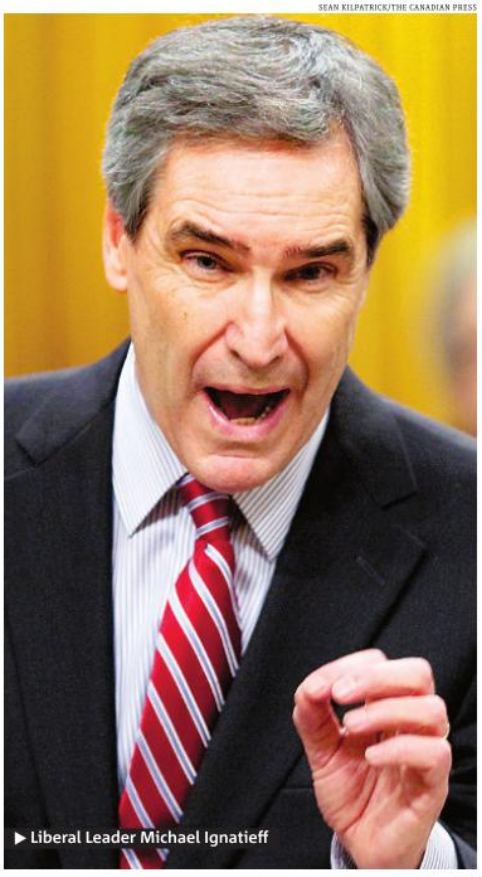

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Prohibition isolates polygamous women: Prof

Women were aware polygamy is illegal, but felt their beliefs were more important than law, expert says

A legal expert who interviewed women living in a polygamous community in British Columbia says the law against multiple marriages keeps them isolated and unable to seek outside help if they need it.

McGill University law Prof. Angela Campbell was in a B.C. court testifying at a constitutional reference case on polygamy, a day after the federal and provincial governments tried to block her controversial opinions.

Campbell visited Bountiful in 2008 and 2009 and spoke with a number of women, including wives living in plural marriages. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Under the radar

- Campbell said some women said they would be reluctant to seek out services such as domestic counselling because they feared that would bring attention to their polygamous marriages.
- She said the women she spoke to rejected the view that polygamy is discriminatory or fosters abuse, saying they aren't treated badly and have chosen to live this way.

Officials: Elite ops in Iraq down by one-half

Elite counterterrorism units in Iraq are running half as many operations this year as they have annually since 2008, in part because of a nationwide drop in violence, U.S. military officials said yesterday.

25 The average number of missions per week has dropped to an average of about 25, down from around 50 in 2008 and 2009.

Joint U.S.-Iraqi special forces missions have been one of U.S. President Barack Obama's top priorities for the some 50,000 U.S. troops still in Iraq. The teams hunt down insurgents and help train Iraqi commandoes and SWAT units. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This clown is going to Congress

Francisco Silva won more votes than any other candidate for Brazil's lower house, and now he has been cleared to take his seat. A judge says he can read and write well enough to act as a congressman.

Judge Aloisio Silveira ruled yesterday that Silva did not lie when he signed a document swearing that he is literate.

Silva became famous as the clown Tiririca, which means "Grumpy." He received about 1.3 million votes in elections last October. But allegations that he was illiterate emerged due to discrepancies between the writing on his application to run for Congress and the document in which he swears he can read and write. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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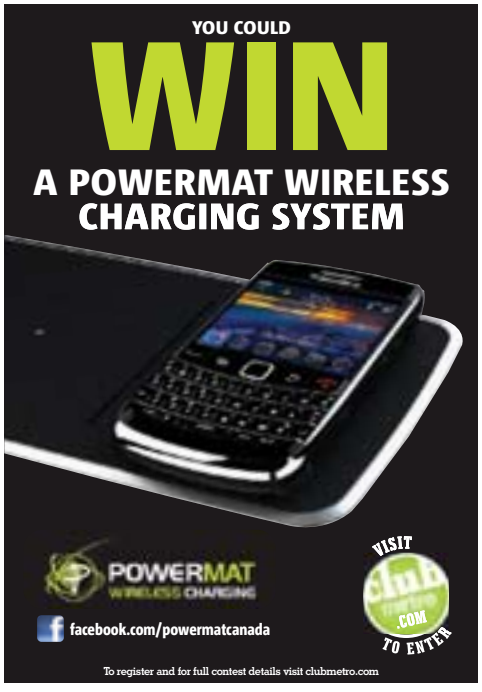

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Windsor prepares for gust of new jobs

Wind tower manufacturing plant will employ 700 people, directly and indirectly City hit hard by recession

The provincial government says a new wind tower manufacturing plant will bring as many as 700 jobs to Windsor.

The wind tower plant is part of a $7-billion green energy deal between the province and Korean giant Samsung.

The plant will be built and run by a new Ontario subsidiary of CS Wind, a Korean-based company that has partnered with Samsung. CS Wind's chairman Sung Gon Gim says it's hoped the plant will be operational by next October and that it will turn out 200 to 300 turbine towers a year.

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Eddie Francis

The province says Samsung and its partners will use 100 per cent Ontario steel to manufacture all of its towers — a projected 200,000 tonnes of domestic steel with a face value of $140 million.

The province has billed the project as part of its clean energy plan to move Ontario toward cleaner energy sources such as wind, solar and bio-energy, rather than coal.

"Today's announcement with Samsung and CS Wind is part of Ontario's energy plan to eliminate polluting coal, create good jobs and clean up the air our kids breathe," Energy Minister Brad Duguid said yesterday.

Windsor Mayor Eddie Francis said the city is "thrilled" to have the plant. "Ontario's clean economy is playing a very big part in helping us move successfully into the future and to become a city of choice in which to invest and create jobs," Francis said.

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Politics. Ivory Coast

▶ Women at a market in Gagnoa, Ivory Coast, talk over an array of produce.

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Opposition alleges election fraud

Opposition leaders in Ivory Coast accused President Laurent Gbagbo of trying to steal the country's presidential election, as angry ruling party loyalists prevented the commission's spokesman from announcing the first major batch of results.

Pedestrian hit by car charged

Police say a pedestrian will be charged after the man was hit by a car in London, Ont. The 33-year-old man was hit as he crossed the street at the corner of Dundas and Edmonton streets around 10 p.m. Tuesday. He was taken to hospital with minor injuries and was released.

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Iran increases security for nuclear scientists

Security spike follows killing of a leading scientist in the country Tehran vows to forge ahead with nuclear plans

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▶ Iran's nuclear chief, Ali Akbar Salehi.

Iran said yesterday it will increase security for its nuclear scientists as a funeral was held for a leading expert killed in a mysterious assassination that the government blamed on the Mossad and the CIA.

Iranian state media said the killing of the scientist and the wounding of another on Monday was part of a Western campaign to sabotage its nuclear program.

According to Iran, that campaign included the abduction of Iranian scientists, the sale of faulty equipment and the planting of a destructive computer worm known as Stuxnet, which briefly brought Iran's uranium enrichment activity to a halt last month. Iran's chief suspect is archenemy Israel, whose Mossad spy agency has a long history of assassinating foes far beyond the country's borders. In this case, Iran accuses Israel of enlisting agents of an Iranian opposition group, the People's Mujahedeen, to carry out the hit, the defence minister said.

The daring attacks — if they were the work of a foreign power — suggest that the standoff between Iran and the West over Tehran's uranium enrichment program has entered a new and extremely dangerous phase.

Iran's nuclear chief, Ali Akbar Salehi, said yesterday the assassination was a warning to Iran before the Dec. 6-7 nuclear talks with world powers.

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Twinkle, twinkle, there are lots of stars

Yale's new study suggests the universe has triple the number of stars previously calculated

The night sky may be a lot starrier than we thought.

A study suggests the universe could have triple the number of stars scientists previously calculated. For those of you counting at home, the new estimate is 300,000,000,000,000,000,000,000. That's 300 sextillion.

The study questions a key assumption that astronomers often use: That most galaxies have the same properties as our Milky Way. And that's creating a bit of a stink among astronomers who want a more orderly cosmos.

It's one of two studies published online yesterday in the journal Nature that focus on red dwarf stars, the most common stars in the universe. One study that offers the new estimate on stars is led by Yale University astronomer Pieter van Dokkum. He calculates that there are far more red dwarfs than previously thought, and that inflates the total star count.

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▶ Super-Earth type planet, left, circling a red dwarf star

Slightly closer to home, at least in our own galaxy, one dwarf star has astronomers at Harvard taking another step in their search for life. They were able to home in on the atmosphere of a planet circling the dwarf star using a very large telescope. The planet lives up to the word alien.

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Strike world record pie throwing off the list

Hundreds of students at a preparatory school can now add "pie thrower in a world record pie fight" to their list of accomplishments on college applications.

Guinness World Records recently confirmed The Lawrenceville School in central New Jersey set the record for the biggest custard pie fight.

Each participant had to have access to at least two edible pies. The 171-gram, chocolate-custard pies were baked at the school by students and volunteers.

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671 The record is based on the number of participants. The school had 671 participants, and needed at least 435 people to break the record.

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▶ Robert Hurst is stepping down as president of CTV News. Hurst has spent 38 years with the network and has held the top news job since September 2002.

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PRESIDENT OF CTV STEPS DOWN

Robert Hurst is stepping down as president of CTV News after spending 38 years with the network.

"Bob goes out a winner with CTV News standing tall as Canada's No. 1 (in) news," Ivan Fecan, president and CEO of CTVglobemedia and CEO of CTV Inc., said.

"CTV News has been No. 1 for 22 years," Hurst said in a statement. "The reporting team is the best in Canada and well positioned to remain No. 1 for many years."

Hurst, 61, began his broadcasting career with CTV in 1973, working as a writer for Canada AM.

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Victim storms out of court

Psychiatrist who diagnosed accused with a delusional disorder testifies

Kidnap victim Elizabeth Smart stormed from a Salt Lake City courtroom yesterday as a psychiatrist testified that her alleged attacker had been motivated by a desire to have children and create a new race in an imaginary Zion.

Forensic psychiatrist Paul Whitehead took the witness stand under subpoena during the federal trial of former street preacher Brian David Mitchell on kidnapping and other charges.

Whitehead said he gleaned this information from the journals of Wanda Eileen Barzee, Mitchell's estranged wife.

Whitehead said Smart had been chastised by Mitchell and Barzee for not wanting to have children.

"Mr. Mitchell was talking with Miss Smart about having babies to the point where Miss Smart actually picked out a name in case that happened."
FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIST PAUL WHITEHEAD

At that point, Smart got up from her seat in the front row of the courtroom and left to a private area. Her mother followed.

Whitehead said he supervised the hospital where Mitchell was housed between 2005 and 2008. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Elizabeth Smart

Italy. Crumbling

▶ A police officer cordons off the area of a collapsed wall in the 2,000-year-old archeological site of Pompeii yesterday, near Naples, Italy. Two more walls have given way inside Pompeii, officials said.

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Europe struggles through an early winter of discontent

La Brevine in Switzerland records record-low temperature of -31 C

Heavy snow and subzero temperatures swept across Europe, killing at least eight homeless people in Poland, closing major airports in Britain and Switzerland and causing hundreds of highway accidents.

Gatwick, London's second largest airport, and Geneva, a major hub for low-cost carrier Easyjet, were forced to shut down yesterday as staff struggled to clear runways covered in snow.

Edinburgh airport in Scotland, Leeds airport in northern England, and Chambery and Grenoble in southeastern France also were closed.

Eurocontrol, the central air control agency, reported severe flight delays in Brussels, Frankfurt, Munich, Vienna, Prague and Paris.

In Poland, police said eight men died Tuesday night after a bitter cold front roared in, with temperatures falling to around -20 C.

Police spokesman Mariusz Sokolowski said the men, from different parts of the country, had been drinking.

The eastern Polish city of Bialystok hit -26 C on Tuesday night.

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▶ Airline crew arrive at snow-covered London Gatwick Airport in Horley, England, yesterday.

Hanukkah sparks fire fears

Hanukkah is the Festival of Lights for Jews — and a week of headaches for Israel's firefighters.

Many Jews light menorahs, but sometimes too close to the drapes. Fire department spokesperson Asaf Avres says the menorahs children make in kindergarten often topple over, posing another fire threat. He says Hanukkah is typified by a jump of 10 to 15 per cent in house fires.

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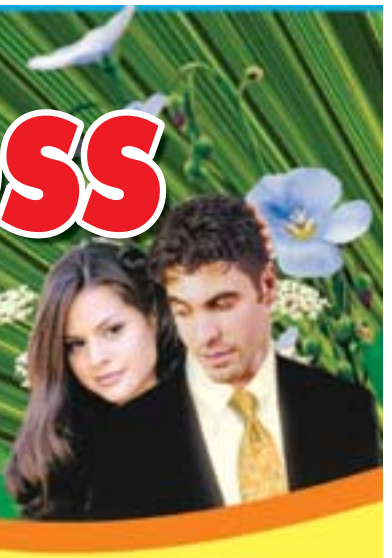

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Tehran has smog holiday

For the second time in a month, heavy air pollution in Iran's smog-filled capital has forced authorities to close government offices and schools and declare a two-day public holiday because of the health dangers of being outdoors.

A government committee decided pollution levels in Tehran warranted the closure of all government offices, schools and industries yesterday and today because of "polluted and unhealthy" conditions.

Critics say each holiday incurs about $130 million in financial losses.

The air over Iran's capital is among the most polluted in the world, and health experts say many Iranians suffer serious health problems as a result. Most of the pollution comes from vehicles on the congested roads of the rapidly growing metropolis of more than 12 million people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Heavy air pollution has forced Iranian authorities to declare a two-day public holiday in the capital, Tehran.

Stricter safety rules for cribs

Consumer groups welcome the new regulations Drop-side cribs subject of many recalls in Canada

Health Canada wants stricter safety rules for cribs, cradles and bassinets.

Amendments to the Hazardous Products Act will broaden the definition of crib to include portable models and stand-alone bassinets.

The new rules require manufacturers to eliminate toeholds that could let a toddler climb out, and set a minimum side height barrier of 230 millimetres that must be maintained at all times for all cribs, cradles and bassinets. Manufacturers and importers will also be required to maintain records relating to the sale, advertisement and testing of these products for at least three years.

Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq said Canadian rules for cribs and cradles are already among the toughest in the world and these changes will extend those standards to bassinets. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Infant safety

Health Canada's stricter safety rules for cribs, cradles and bassinets means greater safety for infants.

- **Launch.** The government launched the consulation in September, looking at whether it should prohibit the advertisement, sale and importation in Canada of traditional drop-side cribs.
- **Feedback.** Health Canada is still asking for feedback on proposed changes to regulations involving drop-side cribs. The public can submit comments on the Health Canada website until Dec. 15.
- **Recalls.** There have been numerous recalls involving drop-side cribs in Canada and the U.S. due to hardware that can break or fail.

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▶ Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq announces yesterday in Ottawa changes to the Hazardous Products Act.

Obama asks Powell for help on treaty

U.S. President Barack Obama turned to former secretary of state Colin Powell for help yesterday in getting a stalled nuclear weapons treaty with Russia through the U.S. Senate.

Obama invited the retired four-star army general and former joint chiefs of staff chairman to the White House a day after stressing the need for the Senate to ratify the New START treaty by the end of the year. White House officials were cautiously optimistic yesterday that momentum was building toward the treaty's ultimate ratification. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

Stalled engine cause of crash?

FATAL. Investigators looking into a fatal plane crash in Lake Rosalind, near Hanover, Ont., say the light aircraft's engine was not running when it went down. John Davidson, 72, of Stoney Creek was killed in Sunday's crash. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Inmates ran ring: Police

CHARGED. Provincial police say two men have been charged with running a prostitution business from their Kingston, Ont., prison cells. Police allege the two inmates of the Kingston Penitentiary used prison phones to direct women. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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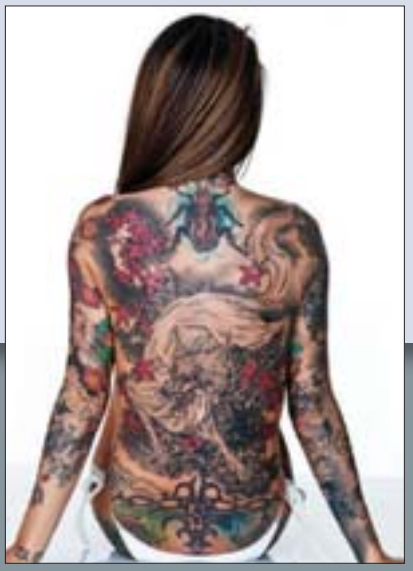

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▶ Ismail Haniyeh

Hamas ready to accept: Gaza PM

Hamas would respect any peace deal reached between Israel and Western-backed Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, if it is approved in a global Palestinian referendum, Ismail Haniyeh, the prime minister of Gaza's Hamas government, said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jail time for cop-dragger

A Saskatoon man convicted of dragging a police officer with his car at speeds reaching 90 kilometres an hour has been sentenced to six months in jail.

The police officer grabbed a seatbelt in the man's vehicle and was dragged about two blocks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No headlines in Hungary

Several Hungarian newspaper and magazine editors say their publications will be issued with blank covers this week in protest over a proposed law that would give state authority power over private media.

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Life forms on other planets? Don't think so.

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Price of AIDS fight escalating

An estimated 5.7 million people of South Africa's 50 million are infected with HIV, more than any other country ◐ $88B is estimated to be spent over 20 years

South Africa's health minister is increasingly concerned at the cost of coping with AIDS in the country with the world's largest number of HIV-positive citizens.

But in an interview marking World AIDS Day yesterday, health minister Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi, said his government has no choice but to keep spending.

"If we stop anything, we will just reverse all our gains," he said, adding that if better decisions had been made and stronger action taken earlier, costs would be lower now.

Last year on the day devoted to taking stock of the fight against AIDS, President Jacob Zuma gained worldwide praise by pledging an ambitious testing and treatment campaign and more vigorous efforts to stop the disease's spread. Motsoaledi is in charge of the campaign, and has been praised for his energy and openness by AIDS activists who repeatedly clashed with a previous health minister who promoted beets and garlic over AIDS drugs and questioned the link between the HIV virus and AIDS.

A report by an international team of experts commissioned by the South African government concluded the number of new infections are expected to fall gradually from 500,000 to about 350,000 annually. The report outlined a plan that would cost $102 billion over the same period, and bring the number of new infections down to under 200,000 a year.

"The evidence of what we need to do in order to turn the tide of the epidemic is mounting."
DR. GILLES VAN CUTSEM, MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES MEDICAL CO-ORDINATOR FOR SOUTH AFRICA AND LESOTHO

The South African government itself pays for 80 per cent of AIDS care and prevention programs. International donors take care of the rest, usually in direct payments to private groups.

Motsoaledi said private groups working in South Africa have told him they are struggling because of a drop in international funds, blamed in part on the global recession.

"We are very much concerned," he said.

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▶ Filipino health workers and volunteers release red and white balloons after marching through Manila streets to mark World AIDS Day, yesterday in Manila, Philippines.

Pope's position practised: Priest

The three large blue and white boxes of condoms appeared to be the elephant in the room at the Catholic AIDS clinic, a trailer beside the church in a dusty red-soil settlement in South Africa, the world's most AIDS-riddled nation.

But parish priest Rev. Didier Lemaire showed no embarrassment when asked about the stash of 600 condoms, set conveniently on an examination couch so one could grab a few on the way out the door. Lemaire said Pope Benedict XVI's groundbreaking statement about the selective use of condoms only cements what Catholic AIDS workers have said for years.

"What the pope is saying, many priests have been saying for a long time," said Lemaire.

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Pope Benedict's comments have far-reaching implications for Africa, the continent with the highest numbers of AIDS victims — and the fastest-growing number of Catholic converts.

- But it is more important because the Catholic Church is the biggest private provider of AIDS care in the world.
- It provides anti-retroviral treatment, home-care visits and counselling to one in four of the world's 33.3 million AIDS patients, according to the Catholic charity Caritas International.

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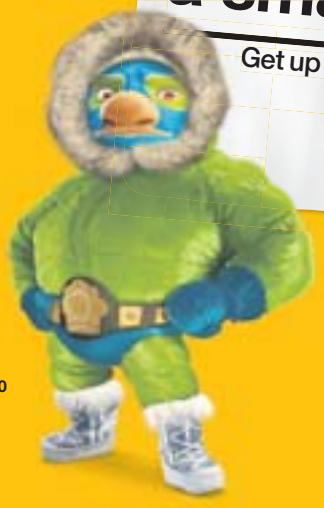

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TSX hits post-crash new high

China's manufacturing boom good news for Canadian stocks

The Toronto stock market hit a new post-recession high yesterday as a solid, across-the-board rally accelerated throughout the day. The close at 13,148.35 is nearly 100 points higher than the previous post-recession high of 13,052.48 on Nov. 8. Prior to that, the TSX had not closed above 13,000 since September 2008.

The TSX, like other global markets, is starting the month on a strong note as investors put aside fears of the spread of European government debt woes and focus on positive economic data, said Serge Pepin at BMO Investments. Yesterday's close put the TSX less than 15 per cent below an all time high of 14,666.07, reached in May 2008.

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Market moment

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Belgium. AeroWeek

▶ Airbus CEO Thomas Enders poses next to an Airbus engine replica at the European Parliament in Brussels yesterday during AeroWeek.

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Euro MPs up in the air

RIM sues creater of Kik Messenger

Research In Motion has filed a patent infringement lawsuit against a fellow Waterloo-based company alleging its CEO used trade secrets to create a competitor to BlackBerry Messenger.

Kik Messenger took the tech world by storm in October, attracting one million users in just two weeks. It offered functionality similar to that of BlackBerry Messenger, also known as BBM, but also worked on Apple iPhones and Android-powered phones. It had around 2.5 million users about a week ago when Kik CEO Ted Livingston announced that RIM had pulled his app from BlackBerry App World.

"RIM, I wish it could have been different. I wish you would have returned our calls."
KIK CEO TED LIVINGSTON

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Americans now more productive

The American workforce was more productive in the summer than originally thought, reflecting the fact that the economy produced more goods and services than first estimated.

Still, the efficiency of U.S. workers is increasing at a much slower pace than last year. Economists see that as an encouraging sign that companies will have to step up hiring of laid-off workers.

2.3 Productivity grew 2.3 per cent in the July-September quarter, an improvement over an initial estimate of 1.9 per cent.

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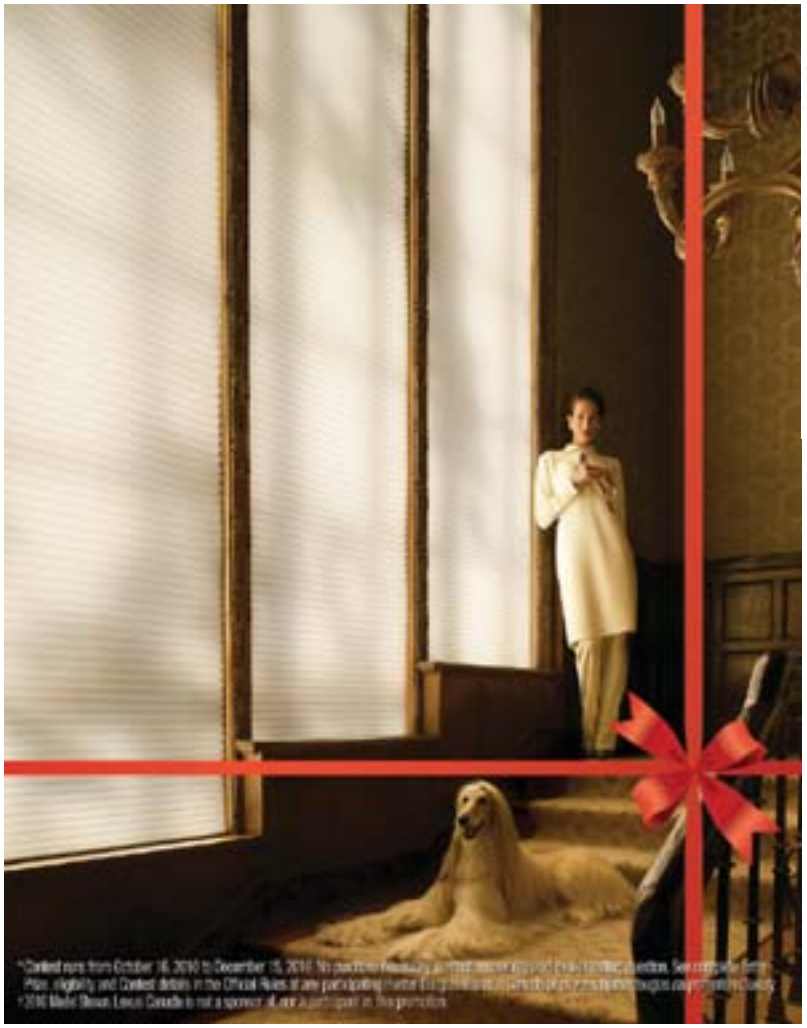

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India. Autos

▶ Toyota Motor Corporation president Akio Toyoda walks past the company's new car, the Etios Liva, after unveiling it yesterday in Bangalore, India.

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Toyota targets entry-level market

Japanese auto giant Toyota Motor launched its entry-level sedan Etios in India yesterday, pricing it between Rs4,96,000 ($10,912 US) and Rs6,86,500 ($15,103 US) to compete with rivals Maruti Suzuki, Ford and Tata Motors. The 1.5-litre car is available in four variants. The Etios Liva hatchback will be launched in April 2011.

Automakers crank up sales in November

- Chevrolet sales up 92% on strong demand for Cruze
- Chrysler's Caravan, Journey, Ram have best month

Canadian consumers pushed up the sales of Chrysler, GM, Nissan and Subaru vehicles in November.

GM Canada said sales of Chevrolet, Buick, GMC and Cadillac increased almost 60 per cent to 15,912 for last month, compared with the same period a year earlier.

Year-to-date, GM Canada said it sold 173,192 vehicles, up 26.6 per cent from the same period last year.

Chrysler Canada reported its best November since 2002, with the number of vehicles sold up 34 per cent over the same time last year. Chrysler said it sold a total of 15,308 vehicles in Canada last month.

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Chrysler Canada sold 165,993 vehicles in the first 11 months — up 40.7 per cent over 2009 when it shut down most production for weeks because of the bank- ruptcy and bail-out of its U.S. parent.

Kia Canada, a relatively small but up-and-coming player in the Canadian market, said its November sales increased 16.1 per cent with sales of 50,843, the first time the company broke the 50,000 mark.

Subaru Canada said it set a new record and a milestone. Strong sales of its Forester and Outback contributed to increasing sales by 15.9 per cent to 2,567 vehicles compared to last year.

Nissan Canada Inc. said it sold 5,786 vehicles, an increase of 8.9 per cent. Altima continued to be the strongest seller, followed by Sentra and Rogue.

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Dividend hike lifts shares

National Bank shares hit an all-time high yesterday after it became the first big Canadian bank to boost its dividend in more than two years, after reporting strong operating results.

The Montreal-based bank's shares hit a peak of $69.73 before losing some ground in later trading. Shares gained $1.60, or 2.36 per cent, to $69.44 on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

National Bank said Tuesday that it would increase its quarterly dividend by six per cent, or four cents. The bank suggested additional increases are possible as it aims to enhance its payout ratio.

Meanwhile, the country's sixth-largest bank said it continues to target expansion outside its Quebec base despite shedding 35 employees as it restructures its equities and investment banking business.

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Sales dip but Reitmans makes profit

Women's clothing retailer Reitmans Ltd. says profits increased almost two per cent in the third quarter, even as its sales were lower.

The Montreal-based company reported net income of $19.2 million for the three months, compared to $18.9 million in the same quarter last year.

Earnings per share were 29 cents, compared with 28 cents in 2009.

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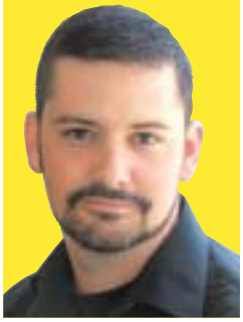

My brother's family recently celebrated the arrival of a baby boy, which, being good Catholics, is not so much a once-in-a-lifetime miracle as an annual rite of passage, like the Super Bowl.

It's still special, but this is their fifth kid in six years, which is the same rate that the NHL has been handing out Stanley Cups. As baby makers go, they're a dynasty, a team of destiny.

Meanwhile, I'm not even making the playoffs. I've always loved kids, but I have it on good authority from reliable sources that, in most cases, a woman is required, for what I assume are legal reasons.

My wife and I separated partially because I changed my mind and decided that I did in fact want children. You can compromise about a lot of things when you're married, but it's difficult to have half a child. ("We'll just have the top half, dear. Less mess.")

And as my (lovely) ex once said, "This is serious. It's not like we differ on strawberries."

So we parted ways. I moved to a bachelor pad, she moved to the Middle East, which I suspect says something about how well I handled everything. (In my defence, she did not move to Mount Merapi, the Mariana Trench, or the moon.)

And now I work toward the goal of a child by 40.

I've got a lot of work to do, because you can't just suddenly christen yourself a parent at random if your name isn't Angelina Jolie, who adopts children with the same frequency the Knights of Columbus adopt highways.

"I've got a lot of work to do, because you can't just suddenly christen yourself a parent at random if your name isn't Angelina Jolie ..."

I'd prefer to have a child as part of a family, which means I'll have to get over this crippling post-divorce fear of commitment. Right now I date, get comfortable, then I hear the word "relationship," and I run away so fast I leave a Road Runner dust trail behind me and stare back from a distance, big cartoon eyes blinking in the darkness. I know it's safe to come back down when I hear the entire female species simultaneously breathe the word, "Men."

But I have a biological clock of sorts. I don't like the idea of being so much older than my child that I can't teach, relate, or play. I don't want to be in the position where we're both wearing diapers.

So, I'll start thinking about a child just as soon as I stop acting like one. And if things don't work out, I'll ask Angelina if she has any extra.

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Basic diet for basic training

Worth mentioning

Healthy fighters

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New soldiers expecting army drill sergeants to bust their chops over poor posture or a wayward gaze may instead want to avoid a more modern military transgression: Relying on fast food for sustenance.

The U.S. army plans to get new recruits into better shape with a revamped approach to health, fitness and diet at basic training.

The most visible changes will be seen in mess halls, where milk and juice dispensers will replace soda fountains, and whole grains will be substituted for white bread and pasta.

Army leaders unveiled the new approach yesterday at Missouri's Fort Leonard Wood. It's the first substantial change to basic fitness training in the army in 30 years.

"We are seeing many soldiers entering our profession who need phased conditioning methods and improved nutritional habits," said Lt.-Gen. Mark Hertling, of the Army's Training and Doctrine Command.

The "soldier athlete" initiative is designed to prepare new recruits with training methods similar to those offered to elite athletes preparing for competition.

Drill sergeants will include one-hour sessions on performance nutrition in addition to their traditional responsibilities.

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Metro Minute at Twister Karaoke

There's a stretch of Yonge, just below Finch, where it's impossible to throw a penny without hitting three karaoke bars.

For the uninitiated, all those flashing lights and promises of the largest K-pop collection can be confusing. Make no mistake: Twister Karaoke outwarbles them all. Sure, the three-floor song palace boasts clean, comfortable rooms and the best selection in the city, but the real reason to go? The owners. Aside from being two of the most adorable humans you will ever meet, Mike and Maria will tell you you're a great singer even though your interpretation of I Will Always Love You has set every dog within a two-kilometre radius into a rabid howling frenzy.

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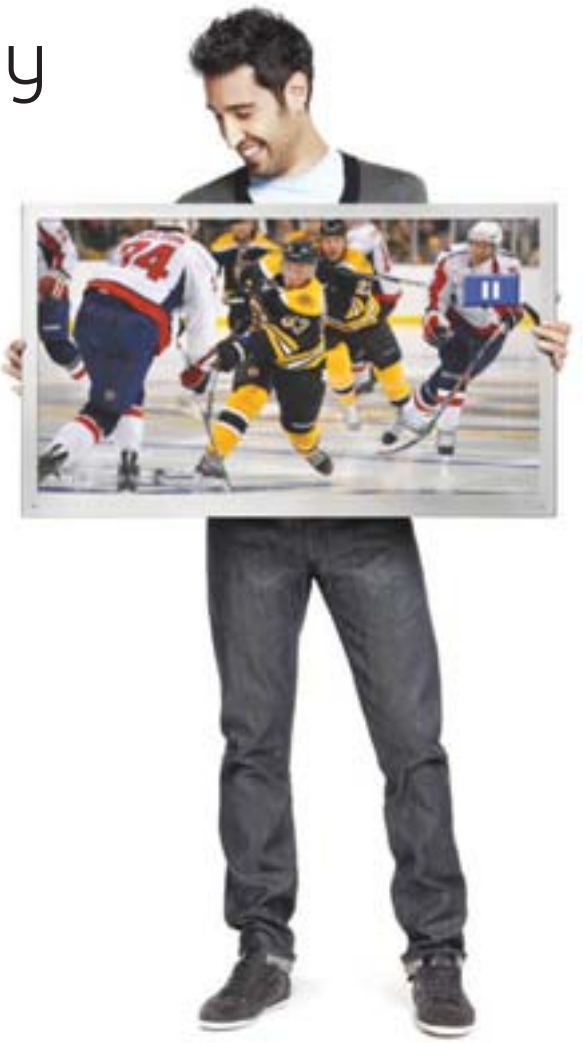

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Veteran TV actor still can't wrap his brain around celebrity obsessions
Blames tabloids for dumbing down America and letting the Tea Party dominate the political discourse
And how Sex and the City ruined New York for him

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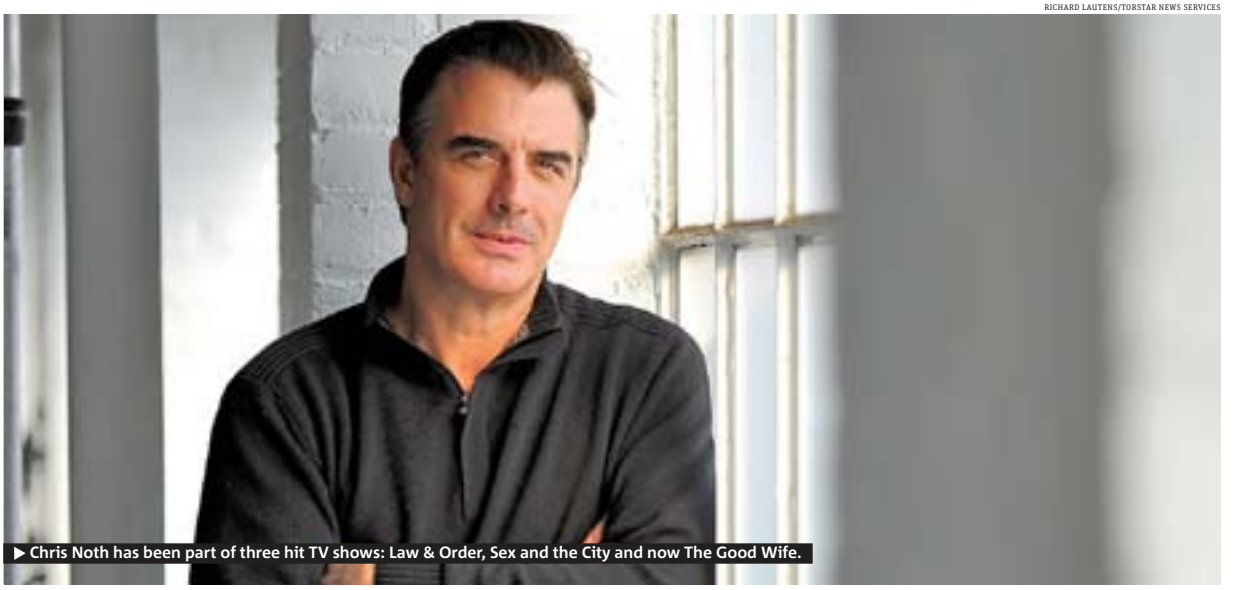

▶ Chris Noth has been part of three hit TV shows: Law & Order, Sex and the City and now The Good Wife.

Good Wife's Noth gets political

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Though still a New Yorker at heart, Chris Noth admits it's been easier and easier to spend his time on the west coast.

"New York's changed a lot, but I still keep my place there. I'd never give that up" he says. "I mean, let's face it, it's become a bank and a drug store. Sex and the City ruined it."

Noth is in L.A. now to promote his latest TV gig, The Good Wife, now in its second season. But that's not what he really feels like discussing. "I'm sort of the recurring guest artist on it," he says. "It's not really my show."

So what does he want to talk about? Well, how about the Tea Party? "It's a terrible time in America. It's all partisanship," he says. "A really smart politician doesn't really have a chance, so we get all these yokels like the Tea Party."

Playing a politician brought down by a sex and corruption scandal has given him some new insight.

"A really good politician doesn't have much of a chance, unless he's a f—ing saint. And nobody's a saint," Noth says. "John F. Kennedy would never be president today."

And he's got a few theories as to how things got to be the way they are. Here's a hint: tabloids aren't helping.

"It's all so mundane now. You know, what shoes they're wearing. 'Look, stars pick up dog poop!' Whatever these magazines are," he says. "They've so dumbed our country. … And I think what people are doing is missing out on their lives by tuning into this fake celebrity s—."

So what about that other series he did, the one that ruined New York? Noth admits it's still the thing he's recognized for the most.

"I've never understood that phenomenon," he says. "I did a show that obviously had some kind of intense impact about this character that I played, that relationship with Carrie. But it's a fantasy. Come on, look at the apartment she had."

Good and bad not easy to pin down: Noth

While Chris Noth's character in The Good Wife is a confirmed philanderer, he doesn't think it necessarily makes him "The Bad Husband" — or at least shouldn't bear sole responsibility for his marital difficulties.

"Whatever reasons that he strayed also are in that union, that marriage," Noth says. "It's his fault for doing that, maybe, but how did it start? We don't know, we haven't explored that.

"What's missing in that to make him go do that? That hasn't been explored, and it may or may not be. But I wouldn't put much emphasis on the words good or bad."

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News in brief

Even though Lea Michele stars on a television show, her Glee role has had such an impact on music this year that Billboard is honouring her with a "triple threat" award.

She'll get the award at Billboard's annual "Women in Music" luncheon in New York City tonight honouring Fergie of the Black Eyed Peas.

The 24-year-old Michele says "it's wonderful recognition." But she has no plans to put out a record like her co-star Matthew Morrison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Chrisette Michele raps on her third album, Let Freedom Reign.

CHRISETTE MICHELE

"THIS ALBUM IS ABOUT ME JUST SAYING WHAT I NEED TO SAY"

There's more confidence in Chrisette Michele's voice these days. The Grammy-winning singer is speaking her minding on her third disc, Let Freedom Reign, out this week.

Are you nervous about people hearing you rap?
I'm not nervous, I'm curious. I'm usually petrified. ... But this time, I'm not so nervous about people's opinions as I am about if the record label is going to be proud of the numbers. That whole numbers thing makes me uncomfortable. I hate it.

Would you say the music industry is cold?
People are mean and hateful, angry — haters everywhere, stupid blogs. People want to type ugly things ... That hurts! So yeah, it's very cold.

Do you have any dream collaborations?
I think it would be cool to work with Janelle Monae and B.o.B — if I could just get their phone numbers. Next time I see them at an awards show, I'm just going to be (like), "Yo, what's your number?"

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Comeback CD is emotional

After battling with drug addiction and jail, El DeBarge finds healing through process of making his new solo album, Second Chance

▶ El DeBarge is releasing his first album in 16 years.

Recording a new album for El DeBarge was an emotional experience.

"It's been such a long time since I've done it," DeBarge said Tuesday. "I cried a little bit because I was so joyful and happy about it."

It's been 16 years since DeBarge has released new music. He's returned with Second Chance, his fifth solo album, which is out this week.

The 49-year-old said the tears were a result of him rediscovering his own musical abilities.

"I really wanted to know that I could still do it again and when I heard my voice I was just like, 'Wow,"' he said.

DeBarge made his comeback at this year's BET Awards in June. He's most famous as the leader of the R&B clan, DeBarge, which featured his family members.

The performer, who was jailed for two years following a 2008 drug possession arrest, said he knew for a while that he wanted to release new music, but waited until he was clean.

"I just needed to get my willpower back and get off those drugs and get my strength back," DeBarge said, who had been addicted to drugs for 22 years.

DeBarge wrapped up a national tour with Mary J. Blige in October and said he's planning his own tour for 2011. He also said he's getting into acting.

"I'm playing myself in a movie that's coming out in 2011 called Jumping the Broom and I'm singing," he said. "So I think it will spring off from there maybe to some acting."

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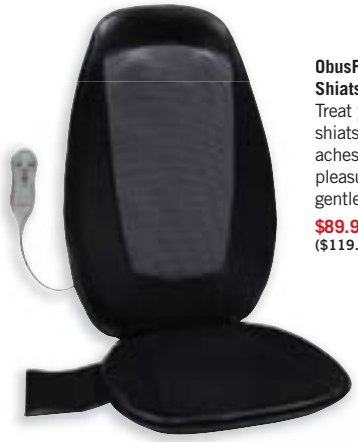

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▶ Donald Trump

Trumped in court

A Florida judge has rejected a lawsuit by Donald Trump that claims noise from a nearby airport is hurting his oceanfront Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach.

Mar-a-Lago is a 126-room private club in a historic mansion.

Trump's suit argued that noise, vibrations and emissions from passing aircraft were damaging the property value of his estate. The judge left an option for Trump's side to refile an amended lawsuit within 20 days.

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▶ Shannon says her Broadway role is perfect for her.

Molly Shannon feels at home on Broadway

◗ Role uses talents honed at Saturday Night Live
◗ Stars with Sean Hayes, Kristin Chenoweth

Molly Shannon wants to show off her toilet.

The comedian has a mischievous look as she stands in the cramped little lavatory just off her dressing room at The Broadway Theatre in Times Square.

Then the actress pushes another door and suddenly she's inside the auditorium in a private box high over the orchestra pit.

"Isn't it cool?" she asks.

Shannon has been putting her secret passageway to expert use: Her two children — daughter Stella, 7, and son Nolan, 5 — often visit the theatre and go through the toilet to get a perfect view of Shannon on stage.

Stella and Nolan are enjoying front-row seats as Shannon makes her Broadway debut in the musical Promises, Promises, opposite Sean Hayes and Kristin Chenoweth. Last month, Shannon replaced Katie Finneran, who won a Tony Award in the role of bar fly Marge MacDougal.

"Now, I'm not scared," Shannon says, sipping tea in her dressing room before a recent performance. "Initially, I was really like, 'God, just let me get through this!' Now I'm having a ball."

The role is particularly a good fit for the novice Shannon: She's on stage for only a few scenes, gets to dance on a bar while acting drunk, receives quick laughs and uses the physical comedy skills she honed for six years on Saturday Night Live.

"It feels like a jewel to me," she says of the role. "For me, this was the perfect way to dip my feet in."

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Off Broadway

Molly Shannon has had a varied career in comedy, besides SNL.

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BEP do what they do best: make hits

Black Eyed Peas
Album: The Beginning
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There's not much left to say about the Black Eyed Peas. If you find their radio-courting singles obnoxious, their latest won't change that. If you like their insanely infectious club-friendly hip-hop you'll love this.

Their first track is enough to make them a bazillion dollars — they take the chorus of Time of My Life and turn it into an epic rave number.

As usual, it's easy to hate this disc, but if you can give yourself over to the fact that BEP have perfected the pop-rap-meets-dance genre then you can start appreciating what they do. The bottom line is that they create huge songs that will get massive radio play. And they do it better than most. You can't get much poppier than Love You Long Time's repetitive chorus, while XOXOXO's deep drums and electro riffs is so simple you'll be humming the words and the background music.

As usual, the most grating parts come from Fergie — her forte is repeating choruses over and over again until you feel like throwing your computer out the window. There's also too much auto-tune on the record, but when you're listening to this drunk at the bar, or blasting it out your window it won't matter. You've got to give them credit, for better or worse, their formula works.

Outstanding track: XOXOXO

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Fefe Dobson
Album: Joy
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On her long-awaited second album, the Scarborough songstress starts out sounding like so many other over-produced pop divas we've heard over the last few years. The opening track Ghost has been getting plenty of air time, as will the next two tracks, Thanks for Nothing and Stuttering. This script has been growing stale for years. Somewhere inside this record, lies a punk rocker struggling to rip out of the stretch wrap. **Outstanding track:** Watch Me Move
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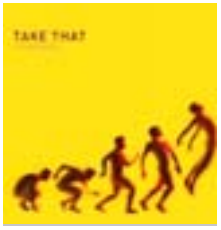

Take That
Album: Progress
Label: Polydor
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Justin Timberlake take notice: if your solo career dies, you can always go back to your old band. That's what happened with Robbie Williams, member of popular British group Take That. That's news in itself, but the record also marks a departure for the band – gone are the ballads that made them famous. Progress sees them banging out epic rockers on SOS, dabbling in arena rock on Kidz and Beatles-like pop on Pretty Things. **Outstanding track:** SOS ● BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Bryan Adams
Album: Bare Bones
Label: Decca
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Another stripped-down, hits-based live solo effort, Bare Bones is incredibly similar to Adams' 1997 album MTV Unplugged. Still, one can't deny how there's something calm and captivating about the gravelly-voiced minstrel when accompanied by only an acoustic guitar and piano. While 20 tracks of plinky twang and simpleton lyrics wear thin after over an hour, there is an air of thrill when Neil Young-ish harmonica-bolstered I'm Ready and the formative Tom Waits inspiration of Right Place are belted out. **Outstanding track:** I'm Ready ● KEITH CARMEN

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Jacko's dad files lawsuit against pop star's doctor

Dr. Conrad Murray also facing charge for involuntarily manslaughter

Michael Jackson's father refiled a wrongful death lawsuit Tuesday against the doctor charged in his son's death, and added as a defendant a Las Vegas pharmacy that records show sold the physician a powerful anesthetic blamed for his death.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages against Dr. Conrad Murray, who has pleaded not guilty in the separate criminal case to involuntary manslaughter in the singer's June 2009 death.

Joe Jackson initially filed his case against Murray in federal court on the first anniversary of his son's death. A judge, however, refused to hear the case and said it should be handled in state court, where it was refiled Tuesday.

"This has been a long process and the facts of Michael's death have been way too slow in emerging," said Joe Jackson's attorney, Brian Oxman. "There is still much to discover and we're going to find it out."

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Michael Jackson

Celebrity tweets

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Craig Ferguson [@Craigy Ferg] Would it be so wrong to add some words to the DrWho theme tune and turn it into a little dance number with puppets? Just for 1 night.

Jewel [@jeweljk] Taking up good old fashion journal writing again... Been doing all my writing on the computer for too long... Time to be romanced by my pen

Kanye West [@kanye west] :)

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Handler pushing Aniston to date

After spending Thanksgiving together in Cabo, Chelsea Handler and Jennifer Aniston are reportedly becoming best buddies, according to Popeater.

And unlike her other pals, sources say Handler is pushing the former Friends star to dive back into the dating world.

"Many of Jen's closest friends were with her when Brad (Pitt) broke her heart and have discouraged her from spreading her wings too quickly for fear she will get hurt again," a source says.

"Chelsea is the opposite. She believes Jen is fabulous in her 40s and needs to paint the town red. No more sitting at home alone with her dogs. No more quiet dinners out with Courteney Cox and the girls."

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Chelsea Handler

Uma's stalker facing more charges after call

A former psychiatric patient who was convicted in 2008 of stalking Uma Thurman tried to call her again, defying a court order to leave her alone after years of unwanted and weird advances, officials said Tuesday.

Jack Jordan was awaiting extradition to New York after he was arrested Nov. 23 in a Washington, D.C., suburb on charges of violating his restraining order by calling the actress's office, according to police and the Brooklyn district attorney's office, which is prosecuting the case.

George Vomvolakis, the lawyer who previously represented Jordan, did not return a call seeking comment.

Jordan, a former lifeguard and pool cleaner with an English degree from the University of Chicago and a history of mental problems, was sentenced in 2008 to three years' probation and told not to try to contact the Oscar-nominated Pulp Fiction actress for five years.

Montgomery County, Md., police spokeswoman Lucille Baur said when officers went to serve the arrest warrant in North Potomac, they were led to a room where Jordan was sitting in front of a computer with Thurman's name in a Google search box.

Baur said Jordan was arrested without incident and is awaiting a Dec. 21 extradition hearing. Calls to a number believed to be the family home where Jordan was staying rang unanswered Tuesday. Thurman's spokesman didn't immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

He'd been convicted of stalking and harassing the actress from 2005 to 2007.

Thurman told jurors at his trial that she was "completely freaked out" by his behaviour. He sent bizarre letter and cards — featuring such ominous images as a picture of a bride with her head torn off and such unsettling messages as "my hands should be on your body at all times"

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Uma Thurman

Barton not afraid to be a 'bit pudgy'

Mischa Barton says she's moving past the pressures to be thin she felt earlier in her career.

"I was right under the scrutiny of the paparazzi and it affected me more than I let on," Barton tells Tatler magazine about her time on The O.C. "I don't care if they're saying that I look a bit pudgy right now or that I'm too skinny. What is going to be perfect for these people? You have to come to the conclusion that there is no perfect."

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John Mayer

Mayer has his sights set on single Longoria

If Eva Longoria is looking for a rebound romance, John Mayer is reportedly ready to serve.

"John is crazy about Eva," a source tells Popeater. "There is something about newly divorced ladies that drives him nuts. He was the same way over Jessica (Simpson) when she left Nick (Lachey), and now he has his eye on Eva."

Too bad Longoria is reportedly looking for anything but romance. "Mayer can send all the flowers in the world and even show up under her window with his guitar and it would make no difference," the source says. "Eva wants some alone time. She is still heartbroken about her marriage falling apart."

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Take one great dress, and make it work through the entire season of holiday merrymaking — from the company cocktail gathering to your grandma's annual tree-trimming bash — by changing up your accessories.

Where the party at?

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Spiked eggnog, mounds of gift cards, boozy co-workers and, of course, mistletoe.

What's not to love about the season of holiday festivities?

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Save yourself the grief by buying one great piece, and re-working it throughout the month with accessories that set the tone of your look.

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The boyfriend's annual holiday house party:
Converse All Star Chuck Taylor hi-tops,
$43, converse.com

The outdoor tree lighting ceremony:
Lipsy faux fur jacket
$136, asos.com

The corporate cocktail soiree:
Club Monaco feather clutch
$148, shopbop.com

Issa beaded wool dress
$750, netaporter.com

The office Christmas party:
Acne patchwork boots
$900, acnestudios.com

Grandma's tree-trimming gathering:
Zara cable-knit sweater with belt
$32, zara.com

The blind date to see The Nutcracker:
J.Crew platform heels
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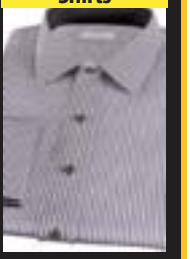

Looking for that perfect shirt? Guys who just can't seem to find a style that works for them can design their own shirt at shirtsmyway.com. The website allows you to select everything from collar and cuff style to the fit. You can also select the colour and the shirt is tailored to your specific measurements.
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Get a holiday look you like

Stylist Jody Daye gives Metro step-by-step makeup tips Here's how to get the professional look for less

Tips from Jody Daye

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Tip No. 1
Give skin an overall gleam by adding a skin illuminator to your foundation or tinted moisturizer.

This gives you the look of having your skin glow from within and softens fine lines and wrinkles.

Tip No. 2
Use a blush in the same tone as your lipstick to soften your dark lip against your skin to give you a warm brightness to your face.

Tip No. 3
Use a cotton swab dipped in moisturizer to gently clean under your lash line after you have applied your eye shadow.

Any shadow flecks that have fallen will be easily cleaned up without damaging your makeup.

Follow by using a light reflective concealer in your matching skin shade to banish dark circles.

Look No. 1

Guilty Pleasures — The classic smokey eye gets a jewel-toned update for the holidays

EYES
Gently fill in brows with soft feathery strokes emphasizing and enhancing your arch, then comb through to soften. Eyebrow pencil by Anastasia of Beverly Hills in a multitude of colours. $22 at Sephora (sephora.com).

With a dark jewel-toned eye-liner pencil, rim all around the outer edge of the upper and lower lash line. With a brush blend the pencil into your lash line and outer corner. Clarins eye pencil shade 09 Outremer $25 at select Department Stores.

Sweep a jewel-toned eye shadow across your lid and upwards into and over your crease. Blend the shadow so there are no hard lines or edges. Single shadows 'Garment' and Bikini Gold' $22 each by Lancome at counters everywhere.

Curl and apply mascara, paying special attention to working the wand into the base of lashes. Diorshow Extase $28 at select counters.

CHEEKS
A light swirl of delicate pink flecked with gold on the apples of your cheeks brightens and adds instant life to a pale Holiday complexion. Angelika by NARS $26 at select retailers.

LIPS
With your eyes taking the spotlight keep your mouth instantly kissable with a sheer wash of soft coloured lip stick in soft pink or tawny beiges. Perfect Rouge in 'Baby' by Shiseido. $30 at select retailers.

Look No. 2

Read My Lips! — A modern twist on the old Hollywood glamour look

EYES
Use a pale eye shadow as a wash colour all over the eye lid and blend upwards to the brow. Color Intrigue Eyeshadow in tulle by Elizabeth Arden, $23 at select retailers.

Using a liquid liner against the top lash line, make short feathery strokes out and upwards to achieve the desired thickness. When you get to the outside corner lift your stroke upwards to give a small wing. Liquid Liner in Black Ink by Lise Watier $18 at select retailers. Curl lashes with a lengthening mascara and give your upper lashes a generous coat or two. L'extreme Lengthening Mascara Instant Lash Extension by Lancome $31 at select retailers.

CHEEKS
Sweep a soft bit of blush in tawny neutral shades to accentuate the cheek bone and sculpt your face. A pop of soft peach or pink on the apple of the cheek gives warmth to the complexion. Blu ray Bronzer and Blush in pink by Cargo, $26 at cargocosmetics.com.

LIPS
Gently exfoliate dry or flaky lips by using a soft toothbrush or wet face cloth to remove dead skin; than use a lip balm.

Apply lipstick to your bottom lip only to start, sliding the tube back and forth several times. Gently press lips together and use your fingertip or a lip brush to distribute pigment evenly. For the perfect party pout all night long first use a matching lip liner to colour in your entire mouth before you apply your lipstick. Rouge Artist Intense lipstick in satin bordeaux red and Matte Dark Raspberry lip liner by Make Up Forever, $19 and $17 at select retailers. JODY DAYE

Get the look for less

Guilty Pleasures Holiday makeup

Eyebrows
Define-A-Brow eyebrow Pencil by Maybelline.

Eyes
Colorstay 12 Hour eyeshadow quad in No. 341 Steel and No. 343 Gems and Jewels by Revlon; $15.99 each

HIP sequin shadow duos in No. 306 Gun Metal and 806 Gilded by L'Oreal; $11.99.

The Falsies Volume Express mascara by Maybelline; $9.99.

Cheeks
Colorstay Mineral Blush in 020 Petal by Revlon; $12.99.

Lips
Continuous Color Lipstick in Parisian Pink by Covergirl $8.99

Modern Old Hollywood Glamour

Eyes
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Beauty pick

Pink Friday
Nicki Minaj may be America's new first lady of hip hop, but her name is still relatively obscure in the rest of the world. That will most likely change now that MAC has released the limited edition lipstick, Pink Friday, which she designed. Its the more glam part of a rather large promotional campaign for Minaj's album of the same name, which hit stores last week. The cotton candy color is actually a brighter update on the now classic Pink Nouveau, a MAC shade that Nicki wore for years. Taking the theme to its maximum potential, the lipstick will be sold every Friday through Dec. 17.

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His and hers festive looks

With social calendars filling up at this time of the year, many of us are combing through our closets for snazzy ensembles Two leading image and fashion consultants help you reimagine pieces you have at home

▶ Spice up an office outfit by adding a snazzy belt.

WOMEN

Erin Nadler, president of Better Styled, a full-service fashion consultation firm for women, said shoppers should invest in core, classic, well-fitting pieces for all occasions.

"What makes it classic is the fabric and cut, what works for your body type, image and look you're trying to achieve," she said

With many after-hours functions taking place right after work, some partygoers may be seeking a quick transition to spice up their office attire for the big night.

"Easy little things they can bring along with them in the morning is really what I'm seeing the corporate woman do," said Nadler.

It's simple to dress up a black pantsuit by adding a little coloured belt and either wearing a shoe in the same hue or a black low-cut, high-heeled bootie, Nadler said.

If you want to switch out your pants for a skirt, consider pairing it with a satin top or ruffled blouse, Nadler suggested.

Adding accessories like a pair of dropped chandelier earrings can take a look to evening, as can a sparkling sequinned envelope purse or donning a simple hair accessory, she noted.

Nadler said it's important to keep in mind for office functions that you're still around people you work with so your corporate image should remain.

For a laid-back yet still stylish look, Nadler said dark denim jeans are an essential that can easily be dressed up.

She suggested then taking a basic white blouse- and adding a shawl or wrap, some of which feature embellishments like grommet details.

"If it's a plain pashmina you already own, you can always just take it and add a great brooch or a fabulous necklace with it instead," she said.

To complete the look, another footwear item Nadler said is huge for the season is the riding boot, which can be paired with jeans either tucked in or left untucked.

"For somebody who's going to a more casual party, it's great," Nadler said.

▶ Leah Morrigan, a styling consultant for men.

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MEN

Leah Morrigan, principal of Leah Morrigan Image Consulting for Men, said when working with clients, she typically builds what she describes as a "module" that comprises of core essentials.

For winter, some of those key pieces would include a suit, a couple of pairs of trousers, some denim, a few shirts and a sweater that matches.

Such classic pieces can be integral to the holiday ensemble. And for those who are a bit more daring in their fashion choices, Morrigan said the festive season is all about drama.

"You can go a bit fancy. You can wear sheers, silks, things with a nice drape, a nice sheen. Even satins, anything like that will be wonderful," she said.

For what she described as a dramatic look, she pulled together a sleek black Italian suit paired with a red patterned shirt with a black collar.

Morrigan said that previously, a man's tie served as the palette for playing with colour. Now she sees a similar role for the cuff.

Much like women's jewelry, Morrigan said cufflinks are guys' accessories, with variations to choose from including sparkly rhinestones, platinum and even cartoons.

"There are all sorts and types that can help add a little extra to their look."

For a more casual yet fashionable outfit for a house party, Morrigan said dark wash denim is a versatile pant. She paired it with a velvet coat, button-down shirt and a belt.

If you'd prefer to lose the jacket, wear the French-cuffed shirt with cufflinks, or perhaps pair the shirt with a V-neck sweater or cardigan.

"Again, you'll be able to pull out a little bit and show the cuff to show out the cufflink."

To transition an office look to evening, Morrigan suggested ditching the tie and adding a pocket square to a jacket, which can help dress up the look.

Scarves can be a stylish accessory.

The consultant encourages men to be realistic both about their build and shape when selecting items and to go for items they can wear with ease, so that they are true to themselves.

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The perfect gift for the fun-loving fashionista in your life is a classic, iconic holiday garment gone modern

The list of gifts can be short this year: Fair Isle knits, plaid anything, pea coats, flannel shirts, maybe some skinny-leg cargo pants or something in red.

That should cover everyone from grandpa to the kids. It's the rare occurrence this holiday season that some of the biggest fashion trends transcend demographics.

"Now that communication is so much faster, trends are quicker and everyone has access to them," explains Nina Garcia, fashion director at Marie Claire. "All these trends get adapted quickly to men's, women's, children's, and the trends from the celebrities and runways are generalized so quickly for the broader market."

"We have a huge statement in plaid — we have special shops for plaid this year," adds Nicole Fischelis, vice-president of ready-to-wear at Macy's. "There's the button-down shirt for men, and the sleeveless quilted vest for women. The Fair Isle, the argyle, the snowflake are always a part of things, too, but these trends are global. You saw so much Nordic from Dolce & Gabbana and (Jean Paul) Gaultier, and rescaled Fair Isle. There is a trickle down from that to every part of the store," Fischelis says.

At Gap, you'll find a few common threads among all its collections, from Baby Gap to Gap Body. They include faux fur, plaid and sparkle.

▶ Don't be afraid to flaunt your greens and reds this holiday season.

Normally, womenswear takes its own trajectory, says Simon Kneen, creative director of Banana Republic, but women's and men's styles in stores right now are simpatico — especially among the wintry Fair Isle knits.

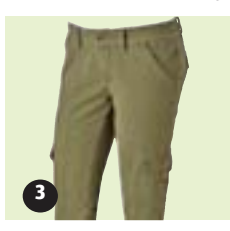
"I think it's all part of a larger sportswear influence this year – the feeling of outdoors, the cosiness of cardigans, the need for warmth," Kneen says. "As a shopper, it should be easier. You're looking for uniqueness for everyone, and you can still have that, but when you find these sorts of patterns, you really find the fun of holiday gifts. Who doesn't want the aspiration of playing in the snow or on the mountaintop?"

At Kohl's department stores there are two stories to tell: Fair Isle and utility, which includes the pea coats and cargo pants, as well as work boots and two-pocket flannel shirts.

"In most cases, we merchandise by gender and classification, but as the customer walks the floor this holiday, she'll see recurring ideas," says David Hacker, Kohl's vice-president of trend and colour.

Some years there have been broad colour themes or a must-have item that works across categories, but it's unusual when bona fide trends reach so many people, he says. "The stars have aligned for this. It doesn't happen all the time. ... This year is about these genderless ideas."

Not that everyone should wear these styles the same way. In fact, says Garcia, who is also Target's style adviser, they shouldn't. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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The 500 suites offer stylish living sans the standoffishness

Interior designer Renato Iamonaco was inspired by the surrounding city view

A perfect balance between cool and warm

SUITE TALK

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There's a sweet spot in creating a modern look where you find just the right balance between sleekness and warmth and the model suite at The 500 has that.

Light plays a key role in the corner-unit suite as interior designer Renato Iamonaco used reflective surfaces in the living and dining area to project light and let the gorgeous downtown vista become a focal point. Flooring was kept dark to provide further contrast in the space and allow the walls and other key elements to stay lighter-coloured.

"The suite is on a higher floor so I really wanted to keep things as transparent as possible. In a corner unit the city backdrop plays a big role and so we allowed the surroundings to be a part of the detail," Iamonaco said.

In the kitchen, Iamonaco skipped the standard plain-finish cabinet doors and instead used panel detail with a walnut finish to liven up the cabinetry making it feel a little traditional, almost organic. A porcelain tile floor and stainless steel appliances match well with the overall look while steering it towards the decidedly modern.

In the master bedroom, a wall pattern behind the headboard contains granular Swarovski crystal dustings while the furniture features dark espresso tones to complete a look that feels inviting while maintaing a cutting-edge sophistication.

"It's definitely modern but not hyper-modern. There seems to be a lack of warmth in spaces that are too modern and I wanted the space to still feel very liveable and approachable. It's neutral, it's simple, it's casual while still being a little dramatic, a little exciting," Iamonaco said

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2010'S THREE TRENDS

While we're into the last month of the year, BILD is waiting on two months of data from RealNet to close the books on 2010.

When the final numbers are in and we look back on 2010, three trends should stand out.

The first is the condo craze. Within the last decade, the share of the GTA housing market captured by high-rise has risen steadily from one quarter to the point today where more than half of all new home sales annually are high-rise condos.

Secondly, the shift in high-rise sales to the 905 regions began in earnest this year. We're seeing more high-rise condo projects in Oakville, Brampton, Vaughan, Richmond Hill and Pickering and way more high-rise communities in Mississauga and Markham.

The third thing is the price escalation in low-rise, 905 area homes, with the RealNet price index breaking the half million dollar threshold ($500,532) for the first-time ever just last month.

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'Tis the season to sniff

You don't have to buy a tree to enjoy a season full of scents **Tips to trick the noses of your holiday guests**

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With Christmas just a few weeks away, its almost time to put up the tree.

Mine is a beautiful eight foot tall, pre-lit artificial tree that fools everyone who comes in. The branches are full, there are real pine cones wired on and the 800 sot white lights looks like stars in the sky. I think the biggest trickery of my tree is the scent; I love to have the sweet, refreshing smell of evergreens and freshly cut wood throughout the main floor of the house as guests arrive. Here are a variety of fabulous ways to fragrance your home that'll fool even the most experienced tree farmer:

Fresh wreath

There's nothing more inviting than a fresh wreath on the door. If kept fresh, the fragrance will welcome your guests for week.

TIP: Use wreaths in more places than outside; displayed inside on windows or over mirrors is a great way bring the lush scent inside.

Best candle

With a designer mix of pine and patchouli, Diptyque's PIN candle ($85) will fragrance an entire room with the sexy smell of the Christmas tree Even the packaging evokes luxury. .

▶ Dyptique's PIN candle

TIP: When you burn near the bottom of the jar, use a non-scented votive candle. The heat will warm up the remaining wax and spread the scent into the air. holtrenfrew.com.

▶ Crabtree and Evelyn Fragranced Botanicals

Best pot pourri

The Windsor Forest Fragranced Botanicals from Crabtree and Evelyn ($45) are as beautiful to look at as they are to smell. Birch logs, pine cones, twigs, dried berries help bring the forest to your home.

TIP: Place 2-3 birch logs in a large elegant punchbowl and sprinkle the fragranced botanicals on top for a larger than life centerpiece on the dining or coffee table.

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Best room spray

Imagine if you could gather up all the used Christmas trees and extract their natural scents of spruce, pine and woodsy oils then you would have Mythical Matters' Smells Like The Christmas Tree room spray ($15). An all natural room refresher with no harmful additives or chemicals. It's the truest of all tree smells this nose has ever experienced.

TIP: Keep this one near the front door and spritz just before guests enter; they will be amazed at the realistic scent.

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Safest scent

It's a porcelain container that allows a small lightbulb to warm up and melt a tray of scented wax. Scentsy's Christmas Tree scented bricks are a safe way to spread the smell of the tree without the risks of an open flame, smoke or soot. Simply plug in the Tannenbaum warming base ($30) and allow a 25 watt light bulb to melt the scented wax (from $6) to add a beautiful fir and cedar scent to a room.

TIP: I'd use a lamp timer to schedule this fragrance to come on and off; a safe and great way to guarantee the house will smell great during peak entertaining times.

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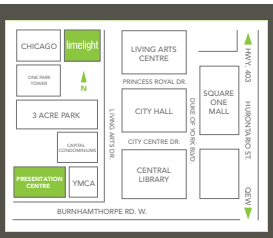

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MOLD SPOTS MAY LEAD TO BIG BUCKS

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We are in the process of purchasing a new home and have inserted a condition in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale for a home inspection. We have found the ideal house in a desirable location, however, when our inspector spent time at the house, she found small dark dots around a couple of the windows. She indicated that this may be a small indication of mold. What would you do in this case?

It may very well be that the house is a solid, mold-free construction but you need to be very careful in this situation. Small indications of mold can very easily be the symptom of a much larger problem. Often times, if mold is showing on exterior walls, it could lead to extremely serious problems on the interior. Removing mold from a building is a costly and sometimes very extensive procedure.

To further complicate this matter, you now have an advance indication that this may be a problem. Therefore, if it is discovered in the future that there is a costly mold problem, can you rely upon your lack of knowledge of the problem and pursue the vendor for damages? If I were the vendor's lawyer and found out that you knew of the potential for mold, I would bluntly refuse to even entertain any compensation by my client. You would probably be in line for an expensive rehabilitation invoice (thousands of dollars).

So, this being said, even though you love the house and it is exactly where you want it to be, I would run quickly in the opposite direction. Do not waive the house inspection condition and the deal will be null and void. Small moldy dots around the windows could be just the tip of the iceberg.

Deck the halls with colour

When it comes to festive decorating, let your imagination run free – at a reasonable cost!

If you're decorating for the holidays, you can still dream big — even in smaller spaces and with a strict budget.

Experts say dedicating even the smallest area of your home to festive decorations can make a statement this season.

Whether you're hosting a big shindig for friends and family or enjoying a low-key celebration, the dining room table can be a place to convene and socialize or dig into a feast. It can also be a focal point for your holiday decor.

Toronto-based stylist and design expert Arren Williams created several distinctive tabletops with contemporary flair and vibrant colours, incorporating items from HomeSense.

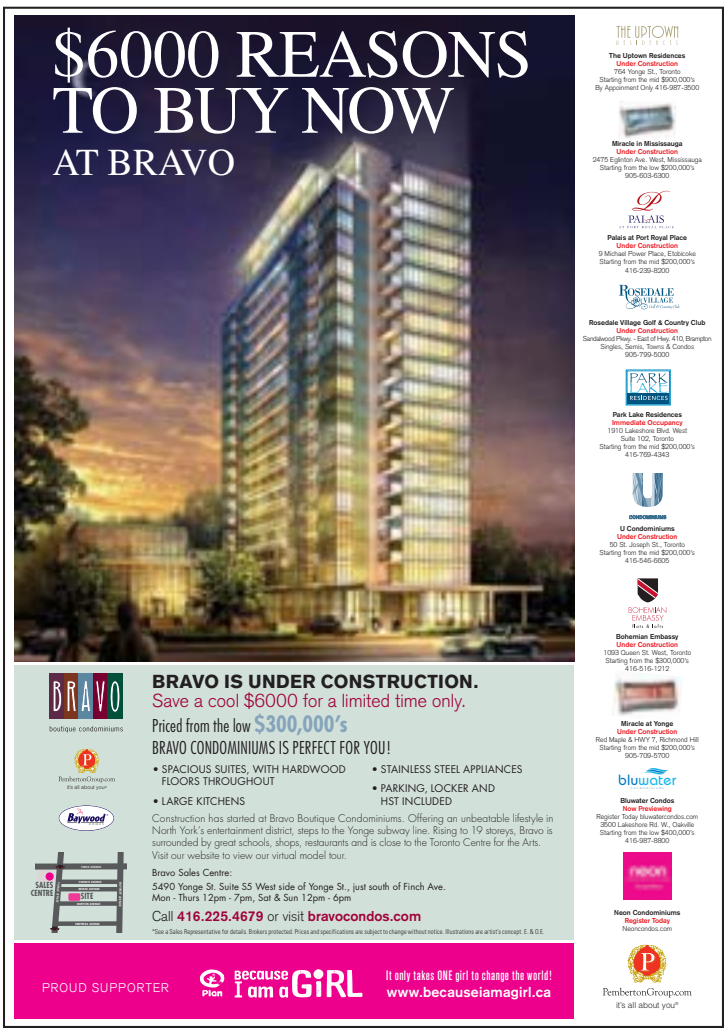
Each display could also be adapted as a stand-alone piece in other areas of the home, including on the mantel or on a front hall table, he noted.

"It really can work anywhere," Williams said in an interview at the Winners/HomeSense showroom in Toronto. "I don't like the holidays looking like it's a fungus that's grown all over your house. I would much prefer to see really special moments created."

For those seeking a traditional look with a twist, Williams showed a display inspired by candy canes with rich red-and-white striped candles, plates and retro canisters that can double as a vase, along with hobnail glasses and an oversized Nutcracker. In a change from traditional hunter green, he opted for olive-coloured cloth napkins.

For another alternative, try placing garland down the middle of the table while tucking in a few copper bay leaves or different florals with ornaments or Christmas baubles nestled in between, said Sokly Lay, boutique manager of Chintz & Company in Victoria.

"That's just something simple and easy and quick to do, and it's not that expensive to do either," she said, noting the look also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▶ Who says holiday decor has to be red and green?

works well on a windowsill or bay window.

Not everything you use for holiday decor has to be put back into storage at season's end. Stylish collectibles such as decorative white pitchers can be used on a bookshelf or console table during the year but can work well in a holiday setting, Williams said.

"Throw in some great mercury glass decorations and even some fresh flowers in there too and have fun with them that way," he said.

For those who want a change from standard tree trimmings, consider looking to nature for inspiration. Lay said many customers are buying either regular or Christmas florals with a little sparkle and putting them in their trees.

"We're finding the trends now, especially for Christmas florals, are anything natural like salals, ferns, grasses," she said. "Those have kind of been glammed up with gold glitter."

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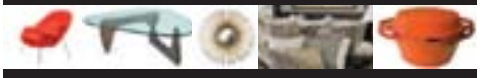

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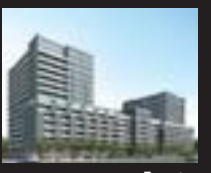
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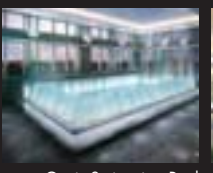
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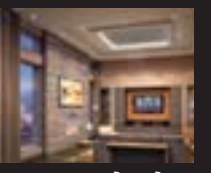
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Walking along Bloor Street, I was thrilled to discover La Bella Managua, the only restaurant in Toronto serving authentic Nicaraguan cuisine — a fascinating array of flavours and textures, thanks to Spanish and Creole influences.

Satiate your appetite with Mixed Ceviches ($8) — firm snapper and shrimp marinated and "cooked" in lime juice with minced bell peppers, red onions and cilantro. Served with sliced avocado and warm, baked plantain chips, it's surprisingly filling. But that won't stop you from finishing it.

Vigorón ($11.99) is yucca and deep-fried crispy pork, topped with a heaping serving of cabbage salad. The yucca offer soothing comfort, while the pork bits are the crunchiest tasty things I've ever eaten. The thinly sliced cabbage, dotted with diced tomato and tossed with vinegar, provides a refreshing palate cleanser right in your meal.

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Ingredients:

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- 50 ml (1/4 cup) finely chopped smoked salmon
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) finely chopped red onion
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh dill
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) grated lemon rind
- Flatbread or lightly toasted bread rounds

Smoked Salmon Spread Preparation:

This appetizer is a twist on the classic Potato Skordalia. The rich flavours of smoked salmon and dill complement the creamy potato base.

1. In a large saucepan, bring frozen potatoes, garlic and stock to a simmer. Cover and cook on medium-low heat for about 10 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Let stand for 5 minutes.
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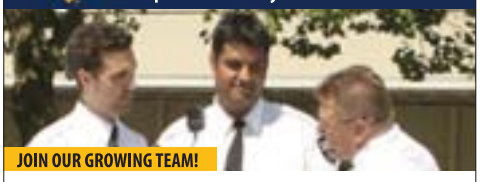

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Simple meal plans

New cookbook offers six meal plans time-tested with real families ◗ Meals take 20 minutes to prepare ◗ Plans includes weekly shopping lists

Sandi Richard is back again with her ongoing mission to help families get meals on the table without stress and to create more balance in their lives.

After penning five books on meal planning, her latest is Eating Forward ($26.99, paperback).

"I felt this was an important book to write because it addresses 12 years of frightening observations of how our society is coping (or not) with dinner," says the Calgary mother of seven adult children.

Richard notes that the main reason dinners are such a hassle to prepare is that almost everyone has a time issue, although "convenience is in our face."

"I believe that many parents make the decision to buy fast food, whether from a deli or a take-out restaurant, based on love, not neglect."

She believes they so badly want to spend quality time with their kids that they trade their health for time without understanding the long-term consequences. "The decision isn't based on logic, but on emotion," she says.

Using a database created over the years of publishing meal-planning books from information given by readers, Richard and her husband Ron, co-partners in their company Cooking for the Rushed, conducted a survey.

"We connected with real families because we wanted to know what they eat in the work week, what they consider mandatory in a recipe when cooking at home and what their health expectations are," she explains.

What they discovered was that respondents want a variety of "fabulous-tasting, quick dinners around 500 calories per serving that their kids will actually eat," she says.

In addition, they want inexpensive ingredients that they can buy at the grocery store.

Most said that although they regard farmers markets as interesting and fun, they don't have the time to go to them very often, Richard noted.

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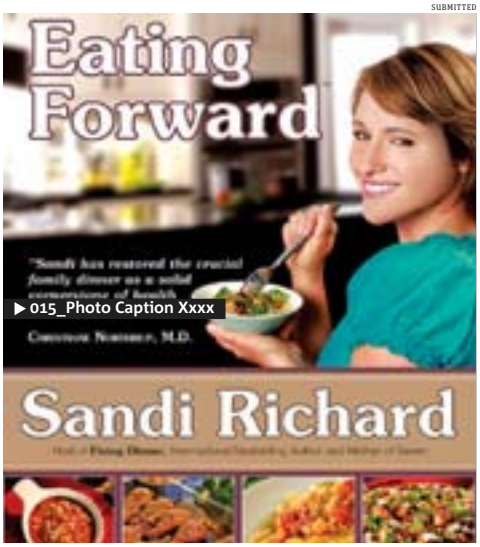

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The book features six time-tested meal plans with real families.

The plans take 20 minutes or less to prepare. There are Eat Sheets for each week of dinners, so shoppers have a list of what groceries they need to buy.

Richard has included sections on quick preparation tips and diabetic food exchanges as well as utensils and appliances home cooks require.

This fall, Richard has a new show, Let's Do Lunch. on Food Network Canada.

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"This game is not just for us. It's the 20,000 fans and the millions watching who will be pulling for us. We've got people who aren't even Cavs fans who will be pulling for us. We've got a lot behind us."
CLEVELANDS' MO WILLIAMS

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"You just hope people don't cross the line. It's just basketball. It's sports. At the end of the day, he's a human being. Everybody has their right to be mad, pissed off, angry, hate, whatever. Just don't cross the line."
ORLANDO'S VINCE CARTER

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"I'm sure the fans will have their LeBron Hate T-shirts, and all that stuff. But what does it mean? He'll still go out and get 40."
MEMPHIS COACH LIONEL HOLLINS

LeBron set to take on his former team tonight

Into the storm

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They're coming armed with lingering anger from an emotional summer breakup. They're going to yell and scream and vent at someone who did them wrong. It's the Akron kid they watched grow up, the one they loved, the one who restored hope ... only to rip their hearts out.

Indeed, Cleveland fans are on edge this week. And that can mean only one thing: LeBron James, Northeast Ohio's prodigal son, is coming home.

Tonight (8 p.m., TSN 2), James returns to a city he captivated for seven seasons to face the Cavaliers, his former team and a franchise he lifted to unimagined heights and almost to an NBA title. But when the 25-year-old, wearing a No. 6 Miami Heat jersey, steps onto the floor of Quicken Loans Arena as a visitor, he will be the enemy and the eye of a fierce storm he created.

"I hope he's safe," said Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant. "Just from everything that happened this summer, fans are very upset."

This homecoming king won't be crowned or applauded, for sure. Not this time. Tonight, James will be surrounded — 20,000 against 1.

The same crowd he once thrilled will be outwardly hostile and hateful toward him, but, hopefully, harmless. He'll be booed, taunted and subjected to ridicule beyond his imagination.

"He deserves every bit of it," said Jim Osherow, a Cavaliers' season-ticket holder for 36 years.

"I think it's going to be very emotional for myself. I've got a lot of great memories in that city ... I give a lot of thanks to that city, lot of thanks to those fans for giving me the opportunity to not only showcase my talent but grow from a young boy to a man."
LEBRON JAMES

349
Cleveland won 349 games during James' seven seasons, second most in the Eastern Conference over that span.

"When you leave a team the way he did, that's what you got coming. It was rotten what he did. It's not just that he ruined the fans' expectations of him, but he ruined this franchise from being able to pick up any other free agents. Then he goes and has his own show? Wrong. Wrong, man."

James and Cavaliers fans went their separate ways in July. Five months later, they'll meet face to face with the potential for closure.

No one knows exactly what to expect before, during or after James' hyped return, a game Cleveland fans first circled on their calendars months ago and a nationally televised event that civic leaders and the NBA trust will not develop into an embarrassment.

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Royal protection

Extra security measures have been implemented to prevent trouble and to protect James.

- The Heat typically distribute the team's travel itinerary as a courtesy to beat writers covering the team, but did not for the trip to Cleveland, which will begin following last night's home game against Detroit.
- The Cavaliers, who were James' caretakers for seven years, are taking extra steps to safeguard the two-time league MVP. There will be uniformed and undercover police officers in the stands, near Miami's bench and lining the tunnel area leading to the Heat locker-room.
- Fans will pass through metal detectors — as always when entering The Q — and any purchased beverages will be poured into cups so plastic bottles can't be thrown.
- Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert believes fans will react strongly ... but safely. "I really believe that Cleveland people will do the right thing," he said.

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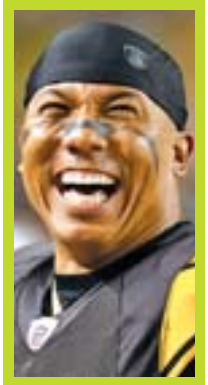

"The league doesn't care about us anyway. They don't care about the safety of the game. If the league was so concerned about the safety, why are you adding two more games on?"
PITTSBURGH STEELERS WR HINES WARD, LASHING OUT AT THE NFL FOR WHAT HE CALLS ITS HYPOCRITICAL STANCE ON PLAYER SAFETY. HE ARGUES THAT THE LEAGUE RECENTLY TOUGHENED ITS STANCE ONLY BECAUSE IT WANTS TO EXPAND TO AN 18-GAME SEASON.

"You talk about you don't want players to drink ... and all you see is beer commercials. You don't want us to gamble, but then there are (NFL-endorsed lottery scratch-off games)."
WARD

BASEBALL

Red Sox meet with Crawford

A baseball official says the Boston Red Sox have met with free agent outfielder Carl Crawford.

The Red Sox are targeting Crawford as the centrepiece of their off-season shopping. A major league official, speaking on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the meeting, confirmed it took place. A four-time all-star, Crawford is one of the top players on the free-agent market. He earned $10 million US from the Tampa Bay Rays last season while hitting .307 with 47 stolen bases and career bests of 19 homers, 90 RBIs and 110 runs scored.

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Jeter, Yanks still waiting

With Yankees co-chairman Hank Steinbrenner expressing confidence the sides will work out an agreement, Derek Jeter and his longtime team awaited each other's next move after resuming contract negotiations. Jeter and agent Casey Close met Tuesday in Tampa, Fla., with Yankees officials, including general manager Brian Cashman.

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Shulman gets Sunday night shine

Toronto native Dan Shulman, Orel Hershiser and Bobby Valentine will form the new announcing team for ESPN's Sunday Night Baseball. The network said last month that Jon Miller and Joe Morgan would not return. Shulman has served as a regular play-by-play voice for baseball games on ESPN since 2002.

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Raptors catch fire against the Wizards

DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Toronto Raptors Sonny Weems dunks the ball last night.

Toronto explodes to set a new season high in points

RAPTORS	WIZARDS
127	108

DeMar DeRozan scored 20 points, Andrea Bargnani and Sonny Weems each had 18 and the Toronto Raptors set a season high in points, beating the Washington Wizards 127-108 last night.

Leandro Barbosa and Jerryd Bayless each scored 16 for Toronto.

For Bayless, it was a season high.

Evans out

- Toronto Raptors forward Reggie Evans is expected to be sidelined for eight weeks after undergoing surgery yesterday on his broken right foot.

Jose Calderon had 11 points and eight assists for Toronto, which led by as many as 27 and avenged a 109-94 loss at Washington on Nov. 16. The Raptors shot 51 for 88, their highest percentage of the season.

JaVale McGee scored 21 points for the Wizards, who have lost four straight and fell to 0-9 on the road. The Los Angeles Clippers (0-8) are the NBA's only other team without a road win.

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Is the pressure getting to Peyton?

Colts QB coming off one of worst months in his career

Peyton Manning insists nothing is wrong with his game.

His confidence remains high, he's still capable of running the Colts' precision offence to perfection and, at age 34, there's no indication his skills are slipping.

Still, something is not right with the four-time league MVP.

He threw nine interceptions and was sacked eight times in November, arguably the worst month since his rookie season, and now takes a 6-5 record into a December that likely will determine Indy's playoff fate.

These are unusual times for Manning and the Colts, who play host to Dallas Sunday.

"We're 6-5, you can argue that that is different," Manning said. "Out of sorts? No. Not confident? No. I would not agree with that. I feel that I need to play better for us to have a chance offensively to score more points and win. I need to protect the ball better. I need to find a way to convert third downs and keep us on the field."

"It happens from time to time, I think that's human nature. I think everybody probably tries to make some plays because you're looking for a spark."

COLTS DE DWIGHT FREENEY, WHEN ASKED IF MANNING IS TRYING TO DO TOO MUCH

Clearly, the problems are not all Manning's fault.

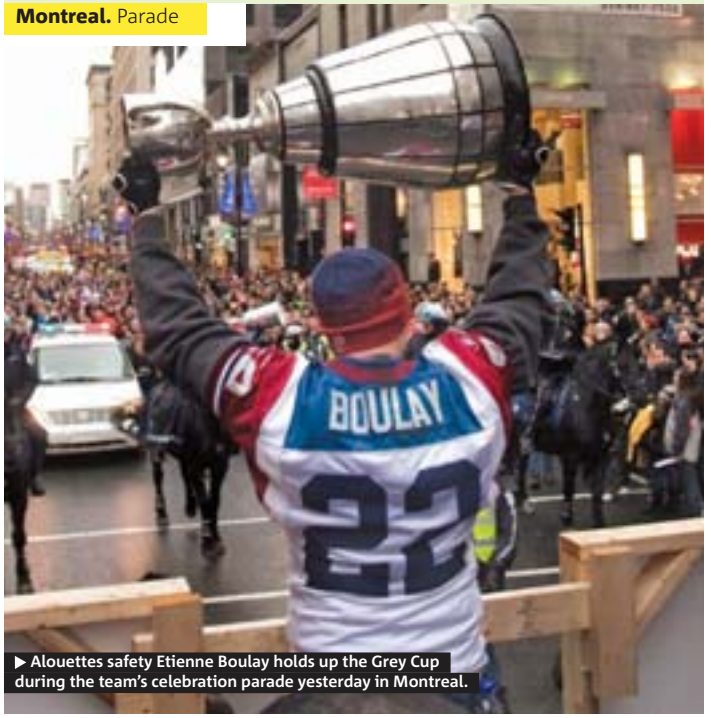
He lost All-Pro tight end Dallas Clark with a season-ending wrist injury Oct. 17.

Two-time 1,000-yard rusher Joseph Addai hasn't played since Oct. 17 because of a nerve injury in his left shoulder. Receiver Austin Collie has played only three quarters in the last five games because of a thumb injury and a concussion, and blocking tight end Brody Eldridge has been limited to action in only two of the last four games with a rib injury.

But injuries aren't the only concern.

The struggles have made one of the league's elite quarterbacks look ordinary. On Sunday night, Manning threw four interceptions for the first time in his career and the first was a ball Manning later acknowledged he should not have tried to force between three Chargers defenders. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Montreal. Parade



▶ Alouettes safety Etienne Boulay holds up the Grey Cup during the team's celebration parade yesterday in Montreal.

JOHN BANKS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

No rain for Alouettes' parade

They were predicting precipitation all day but it never wound up raining on the Montreal Alouettes' parade.

The only hint of inclement weather was the perfectly grey sky — an ideal backdrop for celebrating a Grey Cup championship.

The toast of the Canadian Football League rolled down Ste-Catherine Street on flatbed trucks, cheered by boisterous crowds while the only raining clouds were the confetti that fluttered down from the rooftops. The Alouettes won their second straight championship last weekend but it's unclear whether the team will manage to remain intact to challenge for a third straight year.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Washington	25	17	6	1	1	86	68	36	12-1-0-1	5-5-1-0	6-2-1-1	W3
d-Philadelphia	25	15	6	2	2	87	61	34	9-4-0-1	6-2-2-1	6-2-0-2	L2
d-Montreal	24	15	8	1	0	60	47	31	9-4-1-0	6-4-0-0	7-3-0-0	W1
Pittsburgh	26	16	8	2	0	79	62	34	7-5-1-0	9-3-1-0	9-0-1-0	W7
Tampa Bay	25	14	8	2	1	77	81	31	6-2-1-1	8-6-1-0	6-3-0-1	W1
Atlanta	25	13	9	1	2	83	77	29	8-5-0-1	5-4-1-1	7-3-0-0	W6
NY Rangers	26	14	11	1	0	74	69	29	5-7-1-0	9-4-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Boston	22	12	8	0	2	59	46	26	4-5-0-2	8-3-0-0	4-5-0-1	L2
Carolina	24	10	11	0	3	71	78	23	5-5-0-1	5-6-0-2	3-4-0-3	L2
Ottawa	25	11	13	1	0	58	75	23	7-6-0-0	4-7-1-0	3-7-0-0	L1
Buffalo	25	9	13	3	0	62	73	21	4-8-1-0	5-5-1-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Florida	22	10	12	0	0	57	57	20	5-5-0-0	5-7-0-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Toronto	23	8	11	2	2	51	65	20	6-4-2-1	2-7-0-1	3-6-1-0	L3
New Jersey	24	8	14	1	1	45	69	18	4-5-1-1	4-9-0-0	4-5-0-1	W1
NY Islanders	22	5	12	3	2	49	75	15	3-4-1-1	2-8-2-1	1-7-1-1	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	22	16	4	1	1	78	59	34	10-1-1-1	6-3-0-0	8-1-1-0	W3
d-Dallas	23	14	8	0	1	68	62	29	8-3-0-1	6-5-0-0	6-3-0-1	W4
d-Colorado	24	13	9	2	0	85	74	28	7-4-1-0	5-6-1-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Chicago	27	14	11	1	1	86	79	30	6-7-0-0	8-4-1-1	6-3-0-1	W3
Columbus	22	14	8	0	0	62	53	28	6-6-0-0	8-2-0-0	6-4-0-0	L2
Vancouver	22	12	7	1	2	68	59	27	8-2-0-1	4-5-1-1	5-4-1-0	W2
St. Louis	23	12	8	1	2	62	64	27	8-1-0-1	4-7-1-1	3-6-0-1	L3
Phoenix	23	11	7	4	1	66	68	27	5-3-2-1	6-4-2-0	7-2-1-0	L2
Anaheim	26	12	11	2	1	66	77	27	8-4-0-1	4-7-2-0	4-4-2-0	W2
Los Angeles	23	13	10	0	0	63	57	26	8-2-0-0	5-8-0-0	3-7-0-0	L4
San Jose	23	11	8	4	0	68	68	26	7-4-2-0	4-4-2-0	5-3-2-0	L1
Nashville	23	10	8	3	2	54	60	25	4-1-3-2	6-7-0-0	5-3-0-2	W1
Minnesota	23	11	10	0	2	56	65	24	7-5-0-1	4-5-0-1	4-6-0-0	L2
Calgary	24	10	12	1	1	67	69	22	6-5-0-0	4-7-1-1	3-5-1-1	W1
Edmonton	23	7	12	1	3	59	89	18	3-6-0-1	4-6-1-2	3-5-1-1	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Edmonton at Montreal
Boston at Philadelphia
Nashville at Columbus
Washington at St. Louis
Phoenix at Minnesota
Vancouver at Calgary
Florida at Anaheim

Tuesday's results
Tampa Bay 4 Toronto 3 (OT)
Atlanta 3 Colorado 2 (OT)
Chicago 7 St. Louis 5
Nashville 3 Phoenix 0
Detroit 5 San Jose 3

Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Tampa Bay at Boston, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Montreal at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Florida at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

LATE TUESDAY

LIGHTNING 4, LEAFS 3 (OT)

First Period
1. Toronto, Versteeg 7 (Bozak, Gunnarsson) 1:25
Penalties — Komisarek Tor (tripping) 9:54, Versteeg Tor (tripping) 14:01.
Second Period
2. Tampa Bay, Malone 6 (Gagne) 5:18 (pp)
3. Toronto, Kulemin 8 (Kaberle, Versteeg) 11:51 (pp)
Penalties — Kulemin Tor (hooking) 1:16, Kulemin Tor (boarding) 3:50, Tampa Bay bench (too many men; served by Downie) 7:09, Hedman TB (tripping) 10:36, Jones TB (delay of game) 12:58.
Third Period
4. Toronto, Kulemin 9 (Crabb, Komisarek) 7:23
5. Tampa Bay, St. Louis 9 (Downie) 8:25
6. Tampa Bay, St. Louis 10 (Stamkos, Moore) 19:51
Penalties — Kulemin Tor (hooking) 1:15, Jones TB (holding stick) 11:07.
Overtime
7. Tampa Bay, Gagne 1 (Clark) 1:15
Penalties — None.
Shots

Tampa Bay	17	12	9	1—39
Toronto	7	13	5	0—25

Goal — Tampa Bay: Ellis (W,6-4-3); Toronto: Gustavsson (L,3-6-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Tampa Bay: 1-5; Toronto: 1-4.
Att. — 19,063 (18,819) at Toronto.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Crosby, Pgh	18	23	41
Stamkos, TB	21	19	40
Ovechkin, Wash	10	22	32
St. Louis, TB	10	21	31
Semin, Wash	18	12	30
Sharp, Chi	16	13	29
E.Staal, Car	12	16	28
B.Richards, Dal	11	17	28
D.Sedin, Vcr	13	14	27
P.Kane, Chi	11	16	27
Byfuglien, Atl	10	17	27
Backstrom, Wash	9	18	27
Datsyuk, Det	8	19	27
Hejduk, Col	8	19	27
H.Sedin, Vcr	2	25	27
Perry, Ana	11	15	26
Heatley, SJ	12	13	25
C.Stewart, Col	11	14	25
Eriksson, Dal	10	15	25
M.Richards, Pha	9	16	25
Ladd, Atl	8	17	25
Getzlaf, Ana	7	18	25
Roy, Buf	9	15	24
Zetterberg, Det	9	15	24
Selanne, Ana	8	16	24
Giroux, Pha	12	11	23
Plekanec, Mtl	8	15	23
J.Thornton, SJ	6	17	23
Letang, Pgh	5	18	23
Liles, Col	4	19	23
Ryan, Ana	12	10	22
Toews, Chi	11	11	22
P.Stastny, Col	9	13	22
J.Williams, LA	9	13	22
Malkin, Pgh	8	14	22
Duchene, Col	7	15	22
Havlat, Minn	5	17	22
Marleau, SJ	10	11	21
Neal, Dal	10	11	21
Kopitar, LA	8	13	21
Tanguay, Cal	6	15	21
Enstrom, Atl	3	18	21
Ribeiro, Dal	3	18	21

Not including last night's games

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CINCINNATI REDS — Named Terry Reynolds senior director of professional and global scouting and Melissa Hill executive assistant to the president of baseball operations and general manager. Named Marty Maier, Dominic Viola and Steve Roadcap professional scouts.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with RHP Nelson Figueroa on a one-year contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with RHP Fernando Nieve, INF Andy Marte and C Dusty Brown on minor league contracts.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed RHP Casey Hoorelbeke.
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed OF Mike Massaro.

BASKETBALL

NBA

LEAGUE OFFICE — Suspended Washington C Hilton Armstrong one game for a Flagrant Foul, Penalty Two against Miami C Joel Anthony during Monday's game.

FOOTBALL

NFL

LEAGUE OFFICE — Fined Carolina S Sherrod Martin $40,000 for a helmet-to-helmet hit on Cleveland TE Evan Moore during Sunday's game.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed T Rob Petitti. Waived RB Josh Vaughan.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed DB Coye Francies to the practice squad. Waived RB Thomas Clayton.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed LB Robert Francois and CB Josh Gordy from the practice squad. Signed WR Terrance Smith and LB/DE Curtis Young to the practice squad.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Released DB Cary Harris from the practice squad. Signed G Andrew Martinez to the practice squad.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Signed LB Ramon Humber. Released QB Sean Canfield.

HOCKEY

NHL

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Activated LW Ethan Moreau from injured reserve.
DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned G Joey MacDonald to Grand Rapids (AHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES — Recalled F Stefan Della Rovere and F Dave Scatchard from Peoria (AHL). Assigned F T.J. Hensick and F Chris Porter to Peoria. Placed F David Perron on injured reserve.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Reassigned F Blair Jones to Norfolk (AHL).

AHL

ALBANY DEVILS — Released G Jeff Lerg.
CHICAGO WOLVES — Reassigned LW Patrick Galivan to Gwinnett (ECHL).
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Assigned RW Willie Coetzee, D Brian Lashoff and G Jordan Pearce to Toledo (ECHL).
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Assigned D Nick Ross to Las Vegas (ECHL).

ECHL

ELMIRA JACKALS — Traded F Samson Mahbod to South Carolina for future considerations.
READING ROYALS — Signed F Vladimir Nikiforov.

LACROSSE

NLL

MINNESOTA SWARM — Signed F Mat Giles to a two-year contract and D Scott Gamble to a one-year contract.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	13	4	.765	—
New York	10	9	.526	4
Toronto	6	11	.353	7
New Jersey	6	12	.333	7½
Philadelphia	5	13	.278	8½

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	13	4	.765	—
Atlanta	11	7	.611	2½
Miami	10	8	.556	3½
Charlotte	6	11	.353	7
Washington	5	11	.313	7½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	9	6	.600	—
Indiana	9	7	.563	½
Cleveland	7	10	.412	3
Milwaukee	6	11	.353	4
Detroit	6	12	.333	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	15	2	.882	—
Dallas	13	4	.765	2
New Orleans	12	5	.706	3
Memphis	8	10	.444	7½
Houston	5	12	.294	10

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	14	5	.737	—
Oklahoma City	12	6	.667	1½
Denver	10	6	.625	2½
Portland	8	9	.471	5
Minnesota	4	13	.235	9

PACIFIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	13	5	.722	—
Phoenix	8	9	.471	4½
Golden State	8	10	.444	5
Sacramento	4	12	.250	8
L.A. Clippers	3	15	.167	10

Last night's results
Memphis at Atlanta
Oklahoma City at New Jersey
Washington at Toronto
Portland at Boston
Detroit at Miami
Orlando at Chicago
Charlotte at New Orleans
Minnesota at Dallas
L.A. Lakers at Houston
Milwaukee at Denver
Indiana at Utah
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers

Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Miami at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	16	142	130	437	27.3
Bryant, LAL	18	161	131	480	26.7
Rose, CHI	14	144	66	372	26.6
Nowitzki, DAL	17	165	94	437	25.7
Gordon, LAC	16	126	117	388	24.3
Ellis, GOL	18	167	78	436	24.2
Stoudemire, NYK	19	164	124	457	24.1
Westbrook, OKC	18	138	147	429	23.8
Anthony, DEN	16	135	98	380	23.8
James, MIA	18	137	136	427	23.7
Granger, IND	16	127	66	363	22.7
Martin, HOU	17	109	129	385	22.6
Williams, UTA	19	137	113	417	21.9
Ginobili, SAN	17	117	90	372	21.9
Howard, ORL	17	129	113	371	21.8
Wade, MIA	17	121	113	367	21.6
Beasley, MIN	16	138	53	345	21.6
Gay, MEM	18	150	56	380	21.1
Gasol, LAL	18	149	82	380	21.1
Richardson, PHX	17	137	34	357	21.0
Curry, GOL	16	123	61	333	20.8
Bargnani, TOR	17	130	72	353	20.8
Scola, HOU	17	141	68	350	20.6
Griffin, LAC	18	140	83	363	20.2
Deng, CHI	15	102	64	289	19.3
Lopez, NJN	18	130	86	346	19.2

Not including last night's games

GOLF

PGA TOUR Q-SCHOOL

At Winter Garden, Fla.
p-Panther Lake Course (7,223 yards; par-71—35-36); c-Crooked Cat Course (7,493 yards; par-72—36-36)
First Round

Kyle Stanley	33-32—65c	-7
Scott Weatherly	32-35— 67c	-5
Ben Martin	35-31— 66p	-5
Joseph Bramlett	34-33— 67c	-5
Sunghoon Kang	32-36— 68c	-4
Brett Swedberg	35-33— 68c	-4
Paul Stankowski	33-36— 69c	-3
Danny Wax	35-34— 69c	-3
James Driscoll	34-34— 68p	-3
Elliot Gealy	34-35— 69c	-3
Brett Waldman	35-33— 68p	-3
Josh Geary	33-36— 69c	-3
Dicky Pride	35-34— 69c	-3
Seung Ho Lee	32-37— 69c	-3
Andy Bare	35-33— 68p	-3
Jarrod Lyle	34-36— 70c	-2
William McGirt	34-35— 69p	-2
Gavin Coles	34-35— 69p	-2
Andres Gonzales	34-36— 70c	-2
Cameron Tringale	35-34— 69p	-2
Jason Gore	33-37— 70c	-2
Kent Jones	36-34— 70c	-2
Billy Mayfair	34-35— 69p	-2
Stephen Dartnall	36-34— 70c	-2
Charles Warren	37-33— 70p	-1
James Hahn	34-36— 70p	-1
Gary Woodland	37-34— 71c	-1
Scott Stallings	34-37— 71c	-1
Matt McQuillan	**32-38— 70p**	**-1**
Roberto Castro	35-36— 71c	-1
David Branshaw	35-36— 71c	-1
Rahil Gangjee	35-36— 71c	-1
Zack Miller	34-36— 70p	-1
Erik Compton	37-33— 70p	-1
J.J. Killeen	35-36— 71c	-1
Carlos Franco	34-36— 70p	-1
Todd Bailey	36-35— 71c	-1
Brian Bateman	35-35— 70p	-1
Stephen Gangluff	36-34— 70p	-1
Adam Blyth	36-35— 71c	-1
Ryan Armour	33-38— 71c	-1
Scott Gordon	36-34— 70p	-1
Also		
Ted Brown	**34-37— 71c**	**-1**
Richard T. Lee	34-37-71p	E
Chris Baryla	**36-36-72p**	**+1**
Matt Richardson	**34-40-74c**	**+2**
David McKenzie	**38-37-75c**	**+3**
Jon Mills	**36-39-75p**	**+4**

SOCCER

EUROPA LEAGUE

GROUP A
Yesterday's results
Manchester City (England) 3, Red Bull Salzburg (Austria) 0
Lech Poznan (Poland) 1, Juventus (Italy) 1
GROUP B
Atletico Madrid (Spain) 2, Aris (Greece) 3
Rosenborg (Norway) 0, Bayer Leverkusen (Germany) 1
GROUP C
Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 1, Lille (France) 0
Ghent (Belgium) 1, Levski Sofia (Bulgaria) 0
GROUP G
Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 3, Anderlecht (Belgium) 1
Hajduk Split (Croatia) 1, AEK Athens (Greece) 3
GROUP H
Young Boys (Switzerland) 4, Stuttgart (Germany) 2
OB Odense (Denmark) 1, Getafe (Spain) 1
GROUP I
Metalist Kharkiv (Ukraine) 2, Debreceni (Hungary) 1
Sampdoria (Italy) 1, PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 2

ENGLAND

LEAGUE CUP

Quarter-finals
Yesterday's results
Birmingham 2 Aston Villa 1
Ipswich 1 West Bromwich Albion 0

NFL

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EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	2	0	.818	334	266
N.Y. Jets	9	2	0	.818	264	187
Miami	6	5	0	.545	205	225
Buffalo	2	9	0	.182	229	295

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	6	5	0	.545	282	252
Jacksonville	6	5	0	.545	240	294
Houston	5	6	0	.455	264	287
Tennessee	5	6	0	.455	257	218

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	8	3	0	.727	250	188
Pittsburgh	8	3	0	.727	254	181
Cleveland	4	7	0	.364	216	229
Cincinnati	2	9	0	.182	225	288

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	7	4	0	.636	285	231
San Diego	6	5	0	.545	310	225
Oakland	5	6	0	.455	255	256
Denver	3	8	0	.273	250	323

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	7	4	0	.636	277	240
Philadelphia	7	4	0	.636	310	257
Washington	5	6	0	.455	215	262
Dallas	3	8	0	.273	256	301

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	9	2	0	.818	276	209
New Orleans	8	3	0	.727	265	197
Tampa Bay	7	4	0	.636	219	223
Carolina	1	10	0	.091	140	276

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	8	3	0	.727	222	172
Green Bay	7	4	0	.636	269	166
Minnesota	4	7	0	.364	189	239
Detroit	2	9	0	.182	258	282

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	5	6	0	.455	209	275
St. Louis	5	6	0	.455	213	231
San Francisco	4	7	0	.364	187	225
Arizona	3	8	0	.273	194	319

WEEK 13

Tonight's game
(All times Eastern)
Houston at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's games
San Francisco at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Carolina at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 4:15 p.m.
Dallas at Indianapolis, 4:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
N.Y. Jets at New England, 8:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NCAA

AP TOP 25

(All times Eastern)
Tomorrow's game
No. 24 Northern Illinois vs. Miami (Ohio) at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Saturday's games
No. 1 Oregon at Oregon State, 3:30 p.m.
No. 2 Auburn vs. **No. 18** South Carolina (at Atlanta), 4 p.m.
No. 9 Boise State vs. Utah State, 3 p.m.
No. 10 Oklahoma vs. **No. 13** Nebraska (at Arlington, Texas), 8 p.m.
No. 12 Virginia Tech vs. **No. 20** Florida State (at Charlotte, N.C.), 7:45 p.m.
No. 14 Nevada at Louisiana Tech, 3 p.m.
No. 23 West Virginia vs. Rutgers, Noon
No. 25 Hawaii vs. Nevada-Las Vegas, 10:30 p.m.

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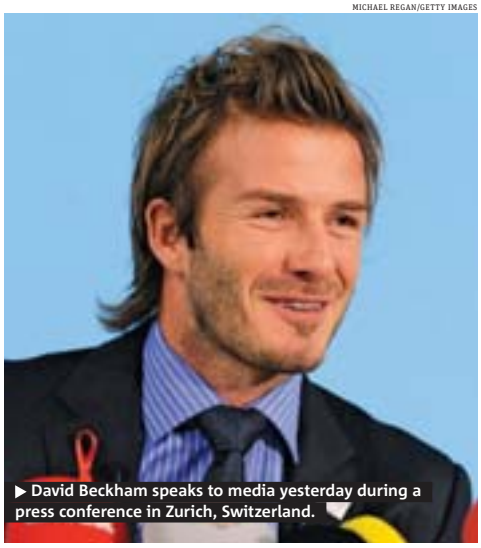

▶ David Beckham speaks to media yesterday during a press conference in Zurich, Switzerland.

A hard day's night

Beckham, Prince William make last-minute pitches for World Cup bid

David Beckham is working night and day for England in its quest to host the 2018 World Cup, and said yesterday he can see the support swinging in his country's direction.

Beckham and Prince William have been in Zurich meeting with several of the 22 men who will vote on the hosting rights of the 2018 and 2022 World Cups today.

"It's hard to tell whether you've definitely got a vote," Beckham said. "You get a good feeling from some of the members that we've met over the last couple of days.

"We're working hard into the night and early mornings and fingers crossed."

Beckham and Prince William are due to speak at the presentation to the executive committee before England goes up against Russia, Spain-Portugal and Belgium-Netherlands in the vote.

Prince William started a second day of campaigning yesterday by having breakfast with FIFA executive committee member Nicolas Leoz of Paraguay.

Leoz could only back England if Spain-Portugal is eliminated in the early rounds because the three South American football federation members are committed to backing that joint bid.

The country with the least votes will be eliminated until a there is a majority.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clinton gets behind 2022 U.S. bid

Former U.S. president Bill Clinton stressed the diversity of the United States in its bid to host the 2022 World Cup, telling the FIFA executive committee yesterday that "we can fill a stadium with home-nation rooters." The United States is competing with Australia, South Korea, Qatar and Japan for the right to host the 2022 World Cup.

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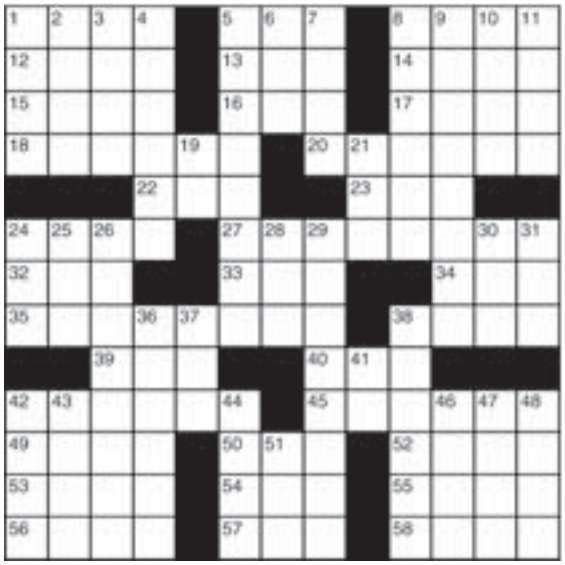
8 Federal agent
12 Tide type
13 Exploit
14 Entice
15 Lofty
16 America's uncle
17 One side of the Urals
18 Central
20 Trite
22 Extinct kin of the kiwi
23 Always, in verse
24 Door-frame piece
27 Woman's garment
32 — Dhabi
33 Astros' scoreboard abbr.
34 Rowing need
35 Profligates
38 Urban blight
39 Police officer
40 Hostel
42 Great emotional upset
45 Rough
49 Inning trio
50 Sheepish remark
52 Layer
53 Spool
54 Right angle
55 Family
56 Between jobs
57 "— the season ..."
58 Half the divorce settlement

Down

1 Opposed to
2 Kidney or fava
3 Ointment
4 Poise
5 Handlebar, for example
6 NAFTA signatory
7 Note to the staff
8 Open areas in the forest
9 Pizza topping
10 Met melody
11 Spruced up
19 Therefore
21 Floral garland
24 Leno's prominence
25 Lawyers' org.
26 Sweet variety of wine
28 Internet giant
29 Broadway offerings
30 "7 Faces of Dr. —"
31 Work unit
36 Muss up
37 Spinning rate (Abbr.)
38 Grab
41 "Forget it!"
42 Actress Spelling
43 Regretted
44 Help a hood
46 Anger
47 Burn somewhat
48 Sea flock
51 "The Greatest"53 Firmament



▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

	8		5		7		9	
		5				2		
	1		8		2		7	
	2	8				4	3	
1								6
	4	6				9	1	
	9		4		5		8	
		4				1		
	3		2		6		5	

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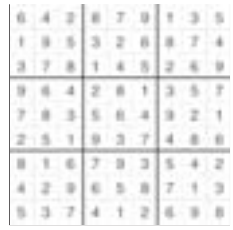
Yesterday's answer ▶



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Today's horoscope

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Others may be impatient for you to commit yourself to their latest money-making scheme but you are right to think about it. How much will it cost if it goes wrong? Is there a get-out clause? Find out.

♉ Taurus April 21-May Today, friends and family members will be too busy looking out for their own interests to care too much about yours. But that's okay: You tend to do better when working alone.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 A delay or setback may be annoying, but it's only temporary. Don't lose your cool. Have more patience with yourself and with others and, most importantly, think long term.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Others may be annoyed that you are holding on to the purse strings, but you know how quickly the money will go if you let them buy what they want. They'll thank you one day for being so sensible.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Passions are running high and there is no telling where it might lead. So, be careful when talking to people who seem a bit worked up. Don't do anything that might set them off.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Temptation is knocking today. Do you give in to your desires or do you keep them at bay? Only you can answer that question but remember this: it's not a sin to have fun.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Even if you're the kind of Libra who rarely gets emotional, you'll find it hard to control your feelings today. Perhaps you should let them out and make a spectacle of yourself.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Someone you live or work with seems determined to find fault with everything you do and it is beginning to get you down. Maybe it's time to rethink your relationship.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Close your ears to gossip and don't believe what other people tell you just because they believe it. Base your attitudes and actions on facts alone. If you don't know the facts, don't be judgmental.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You may be tempted to get involved in a situation that is none of your business today. There are more productive things you could be doing with your time, such as finding new sources of income.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Others may be urging you to make changes but it's not the right time to throw everything up in the air and see how it lands.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Something you have grown used to will leave your life today and you will, of course, be sad. But you are making room for something even better to come in. It will arrive very soon. SALLY BROMPTON

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